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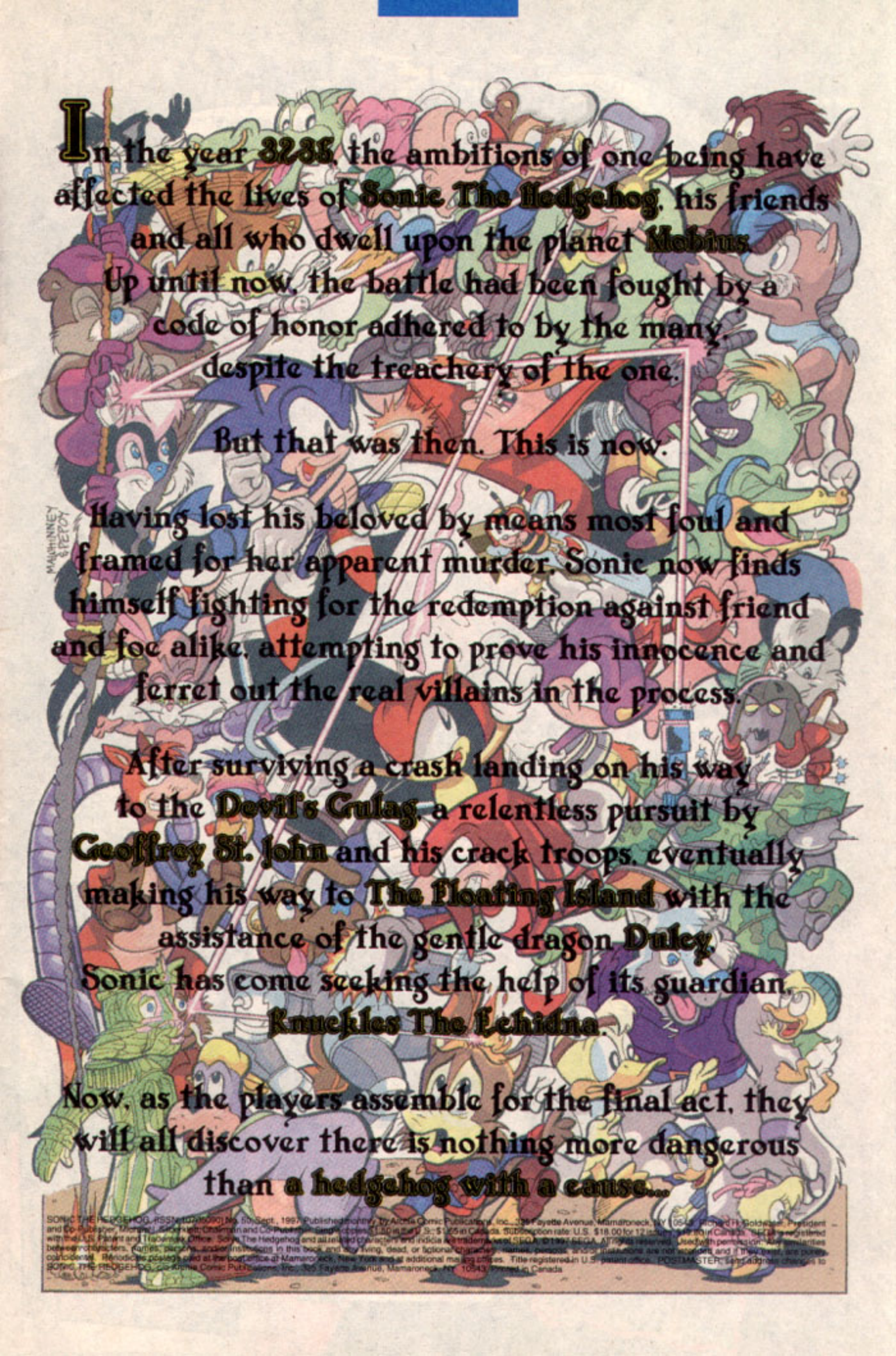


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ENDGAME
PART 4 OF 4



In the year **3235**, the ambitions of one being have affected the lives of **Sonic The Hedgehog**, his friends and all who dwell upon the planet **Mobius**. Up until now, the battle had been fought by a code of honor adhered to by the many, despite the treachery of the one.

But that was then. This is now.

Having lost his beloved by means most foul and framed for her apparent murder, Sonic now finds himself fighting for the redemption against friend and foe alike, attempting to prove his innocence and ferret out the real villains in the process.

After surviving a crash landing on his way to the **Devil's Gulag**, a relentless pursuit by **Geoffrey St. John** and his crack troops, eventually making his way to **The Floating Island** with the assistance of the gentle dragon **Duley**, Sonic has come seeking the help of its guardian, **Knuckles The Echidna**.

Now, as the players assemble for the final act, they will all discover there is nothing more dangerous than **a hedgehog with a cause...**

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JULIAN,
SON OF IVO
PREPARE TO BE
FINISHED!

I'M AFRAID
I BADLY MIS-
CALCULATED!

ZAT

ZAT

THE SCHEME
WAS PERFECT, BUT
THE TIMING
WAS--

DID
YOU GET HIM,
LONDO?

I DON'T
SEE HIM,
JAKKAR!

HE'LL WANT
OUR HEADS IF
WE CAN'T BRING
BACK JULIAN'S
THAT'S FOR
CERTAIN!

OOOF!

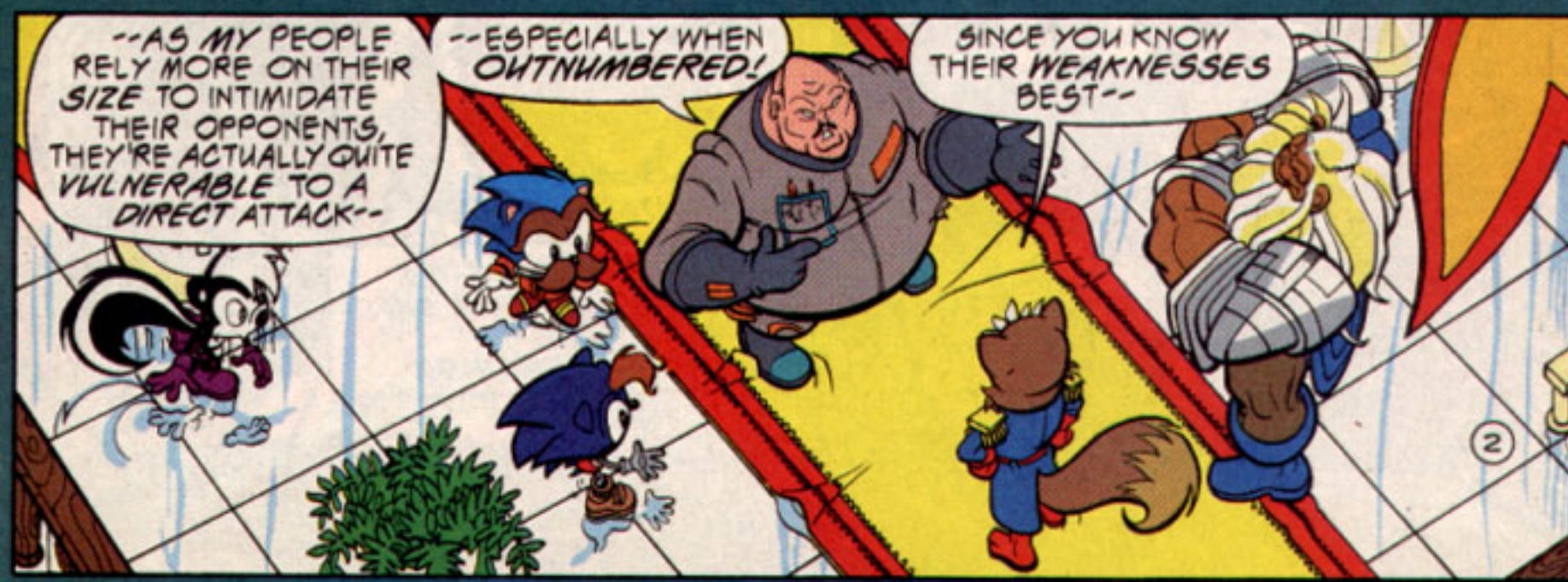
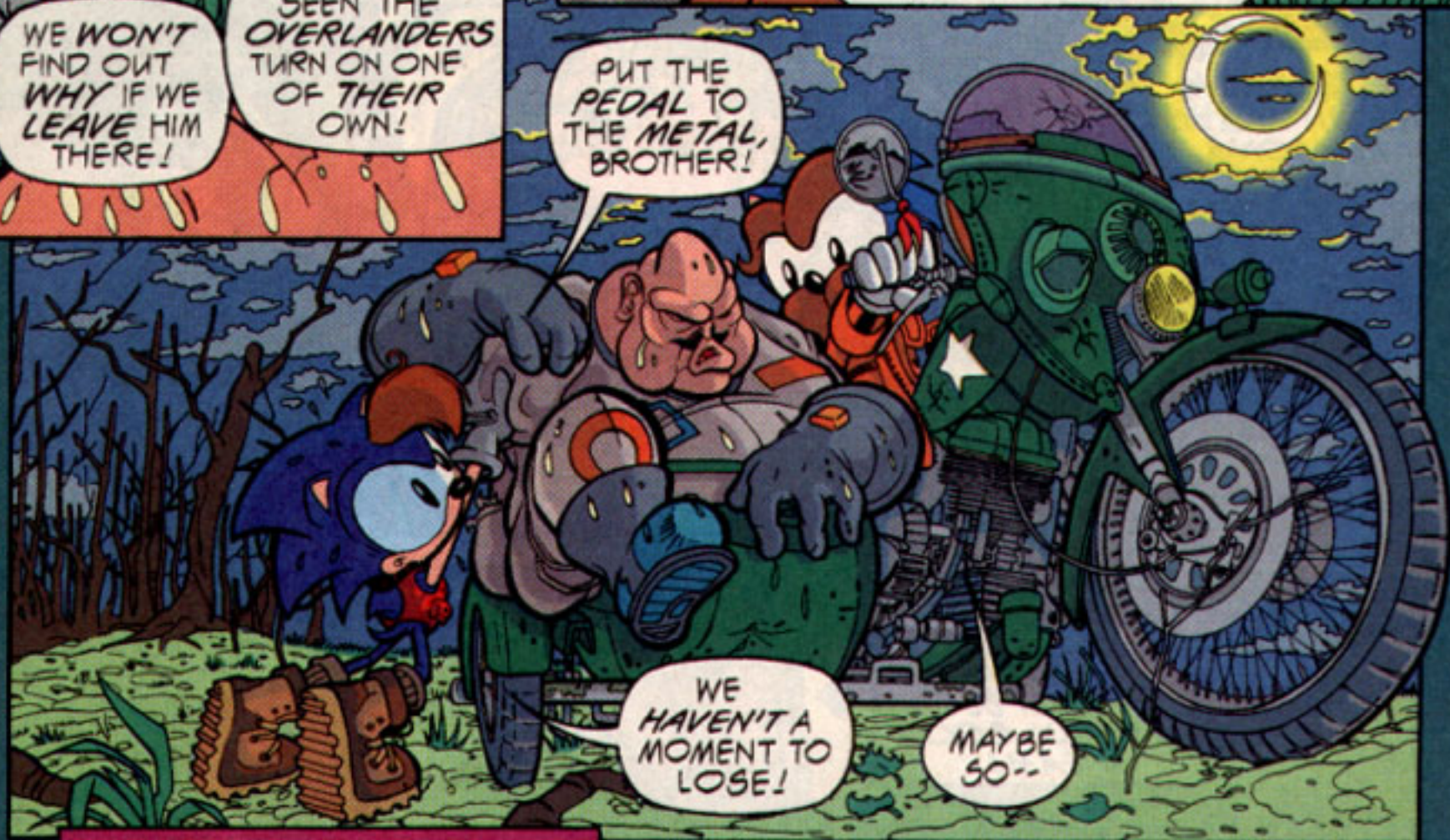
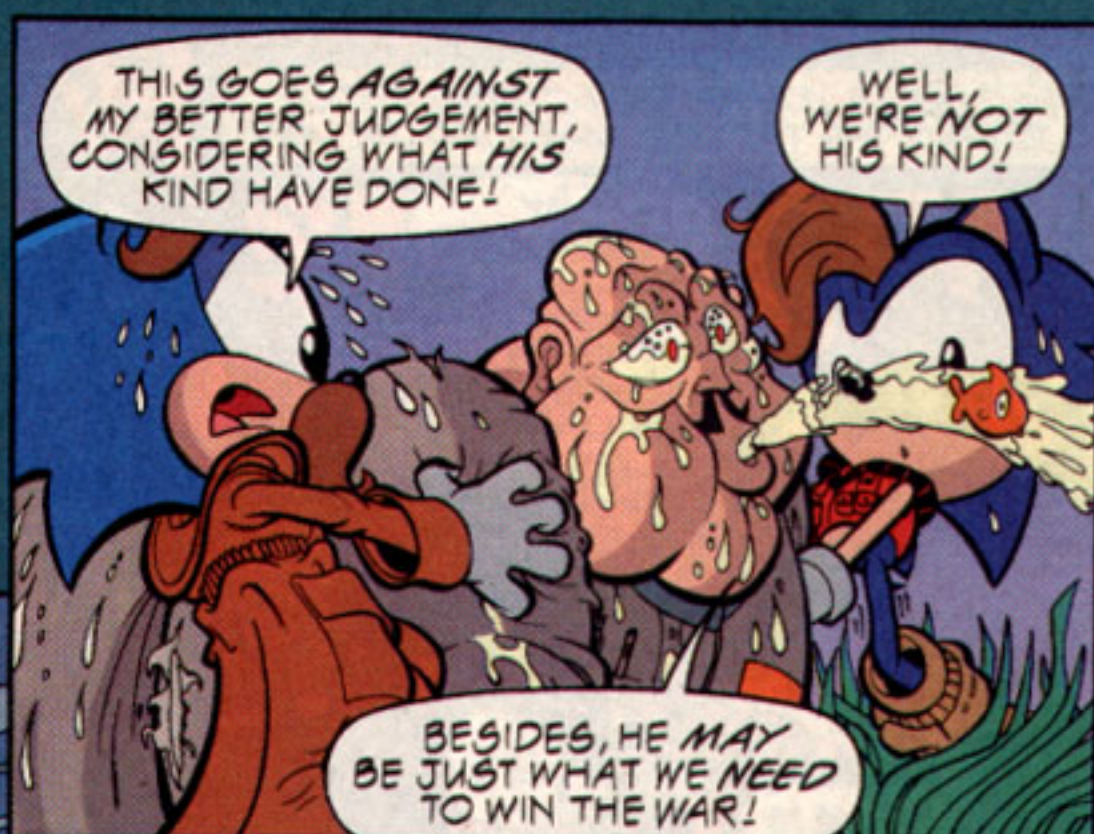
SPA-LASH

HE MUST BE
STILL RUNNING
SOMEWHERE UP
AHEAD!

YOU KNOW
THE MINISTER
WON'T TOLERATE
FAILURE!

THIS
WAY!

BUB
BUB
BUB



"--IT SEEMS YOU'RE THE LOGICAL CHOICE
TO LEAD THE TROOPS, WARLORD JULIAN!"

AT MY
COMMAND--

THIS IS
INSANE, JULES!
HIM LEADING
US!

I'M SURE KING
ACORN HAS HIS
REASONS,
CHARLES!

"FOR THE
KINGDOM!"

THE-MONITOR-
READINGS-ARE-
SHOWING-THE-
DOCTOR-MORE-
EXCITED-THAN-
USUAL!

IT-MUST-BE-
A-REALY-GOOD
DREAM!

UNFORTUNATELY--

--IT'S-TIME-TO
AWAKEN-HIM. CARE-
TO-DO-THE-
HONORS?

CRUSH
THEM
ALL!!!

ATTACK!

The Big Goodbye

LISTEN UP, KNUX!
I NEED YOUR HELP TO
CLEAR MY NAME! I'M
BEING FRAMED!

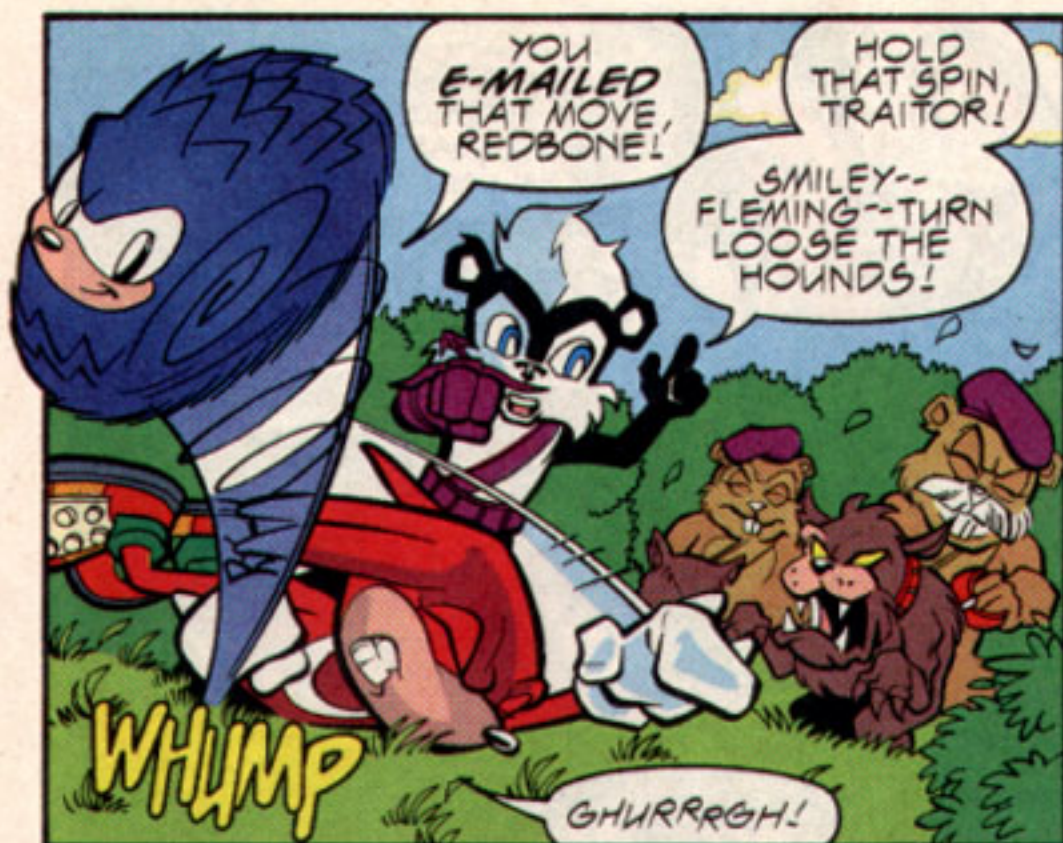
AS PERSONAL GUARD
TO KING ACORN OF MOBIUS,
I DEPUTIZE AND COMMAND
YOU TO HELP ME BRING
PRINCESS SALLY'S ASSASSIN
TO JUSTICE!

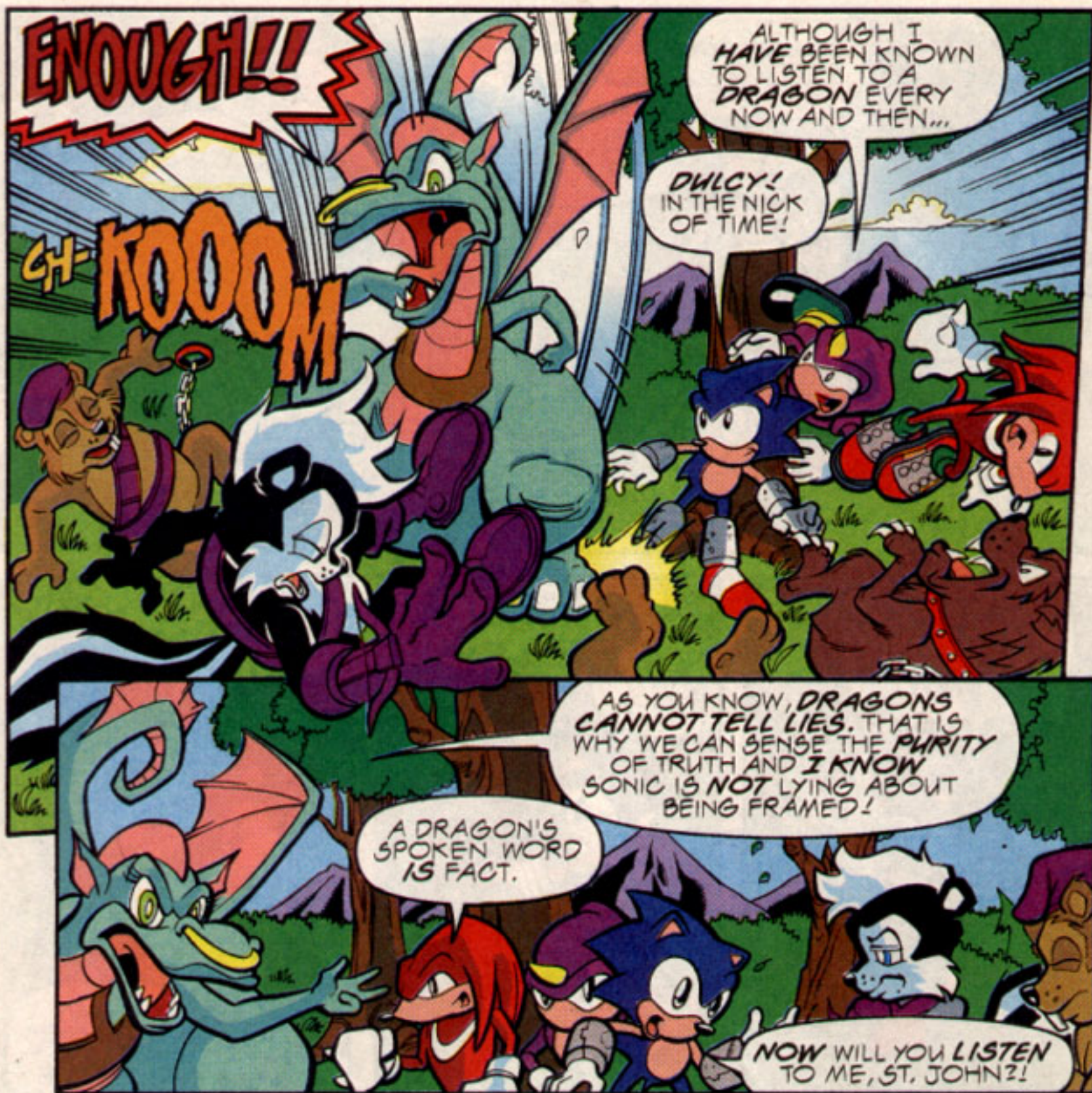
WHAT?!
PUH-PRINCESS
SALLY--
DEAD?!

I TOLD
HER YOU WERE
NO GOOD--
ARRRR!

NO!
YOU GOTTA
BELIEVE ME...
DON'T--

CAN'T GET
A CLEAR SHOT
AT THE
HEDGEHOG...





ALTHOUGH I
HAVE BEEN KNOWN
TO LISTEN TO A
DRAGON EVERY
NOW AND THEN...

DULCY!
IN THE NICK
OF TIME!

CH-KOOOM

AS YOU KNOW, DRAGONS
CANNOT TELL LIES. THAT IS
WHY WE CAN SENSE THE PURITY
OF TRUTH AND I KNOW
SONIC IS NOT LYING ABOUT
BEING FRAMED!

A DRAGON'S
SPOKEN WORD
IS FACT.

NOW WILL YOU LISTEN
TO ME, ST. JOHN?!



OUR REAL ENEMY IS TRYING
TO *DIVIDE AND CONQUER* US!
INSTEAD, WE MUST TEAM UP!
FLEMING, BRING YOUR PLANE
INTO THIS CLEARING!

YES,
SIR!

WHAT'S YOUR
NEXT MOVE,
KNUX?

OUT OF RESPECT
FOR PRINCESS SALLY,
I'M GOING ALONG
TO *HELP* SONIC. I
WANT YOU TO AS-
SEMBLE THE CHAOTIX
AND GUARD THE
ISLAND UNTIL I GET
BACK...

I DON'T
THINK I'LL FIT
IN A PLANE,
SONIC...

THAT'S OKAY,
DULCE! YOU'VE DONE
MORE THAN
ENOUGH-- CHILL!
WE'LL TAKE IT
BACK TO--

"--KNOTHOLE!"

MOVE-
ALONG!

YOU-WILL-
ALL-BE-
ROBOTICIZED!

MECHA-
SLAVERY-IS
INEVITABLE--
ESCAPE-IS
IMPOSSIBLE!

WE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS HAVE
DONE THE
IMPOSSIBLE
BEFORE!

LET'S GET TO THE
BATHYSPHERE AND THE
SEA FOX! WE'VE GOT
TO GET HELP FROM
SOME OF THE OTHER
FREEDOM FIGHTER
GROUPS!

I CAN'T BELIEVE
THAT ROBOTNIK
FOUND OUR
SECRET VILLAGE
LOCATION!

THE WAY THINGS
HAVE BEEN GOING
LATELY, NOTHING
SURPRISES ME.

AT LEAST HE
DOESN'T KNOW
ABOUT OUR
UNDERGROUND
CANAL SYSTEM
AND WATER
VEHICLES.

HOLY
ABALONE!

SLIP! THEN
AGAIN, HE
MIGHT!

WELL, WELL--
IF IT ISN'T BLUBBER-
BREATH AND THE TWO-
TAILED FREAK!

GAME OVER,
FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
BACK UPSTAIRS
AND JOIN THE REST
OF THE LOSERS!

SURRENDER!
YOU ARE NOW
PRISONERS
OF--

"IVO ROBOTNIK IN ROBOTROPOLIS
CALLING CROCBOT'S CRATER IN
DOWNUNDA..."

COME IN,
CROCBOT!

WHAT?!

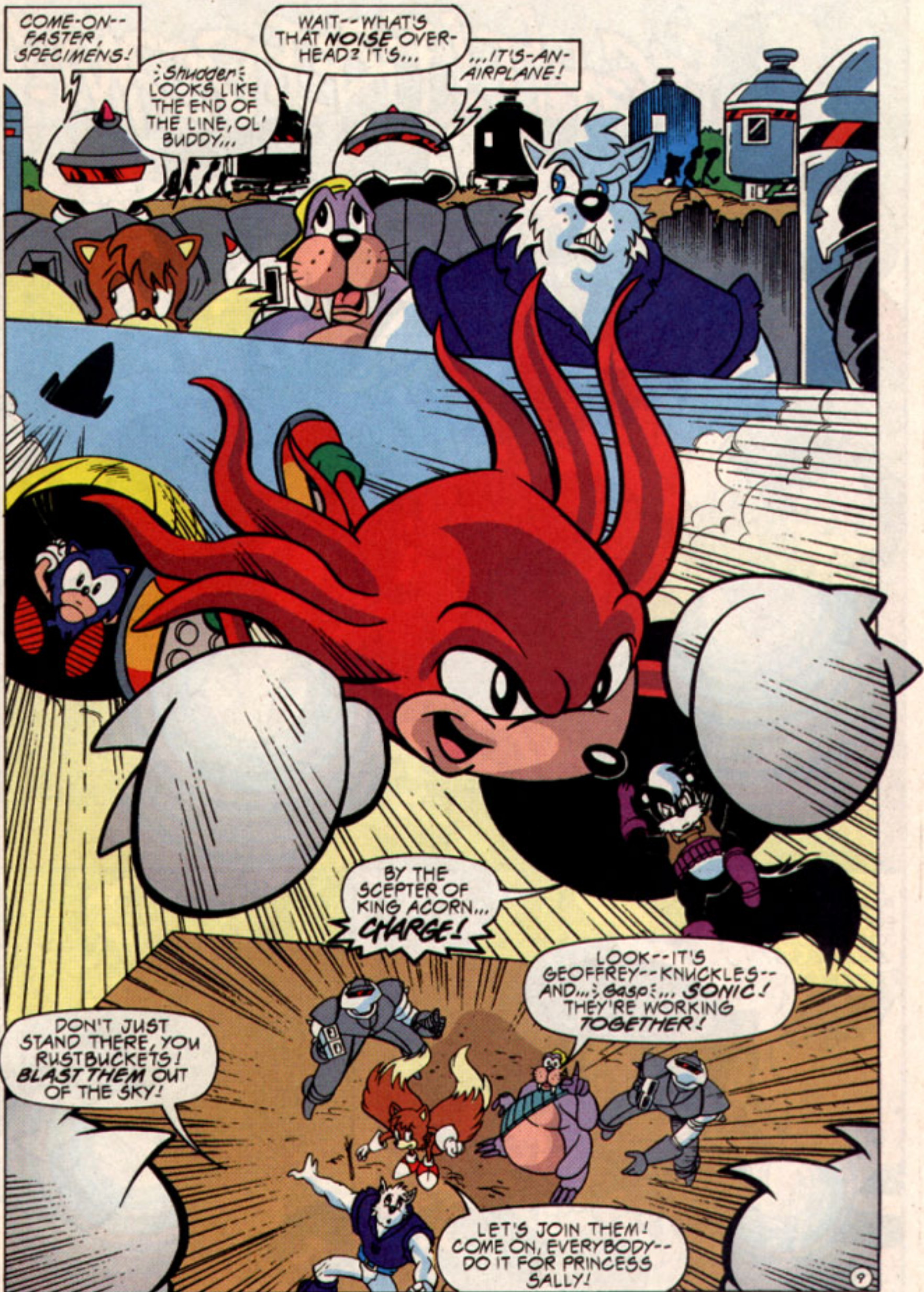
LOOK, I'M DEALING
WITH AN UPRISING HERE
AT THE PRISON CAMP!
THE MINERAL ORE
WE'VE MINED IS ALREADY
ON ITS WAY TO YOU!

Ahhh... THAT'S
ALL I WANTED TO
KNOW--ROBOTNIK,
OVER AND
OUT!

HA! ONCE I GET
THE ORE, MY ULTIMATE
ANNIHILATOR WILL
BE OPERATIONAL!

AT WHICH TIME, I
WILL UNLEASH THE
UA'S POWER ON THE
VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE,
ERASING IT FROM EX-
ISTENCE FOREVER!

I MUST RETURN
TO MY SLUMBER CHAM-
BER BEFORE THE ORE
ARRIVES. I WANT TO BE
WELL RESTED FOR MY
ULTIMATE VICTORY!
HAHAHAHA!



COME-ON--
FASTER,
SPECIMENS!

Shudder:
LOOKS LIKE
THE END OF
THE LINE, OL'
BUDDY...

WAIT--WHAT'S
THAT NOISE OVER-
HEAD? IT'S...

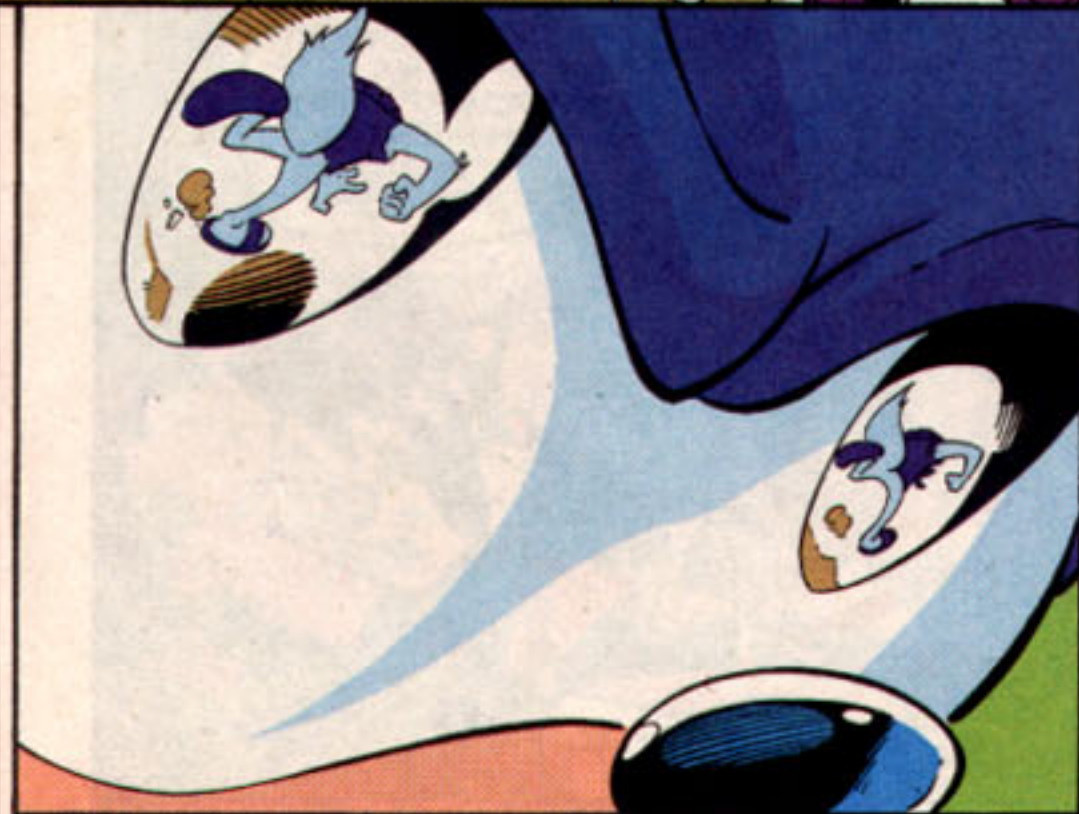
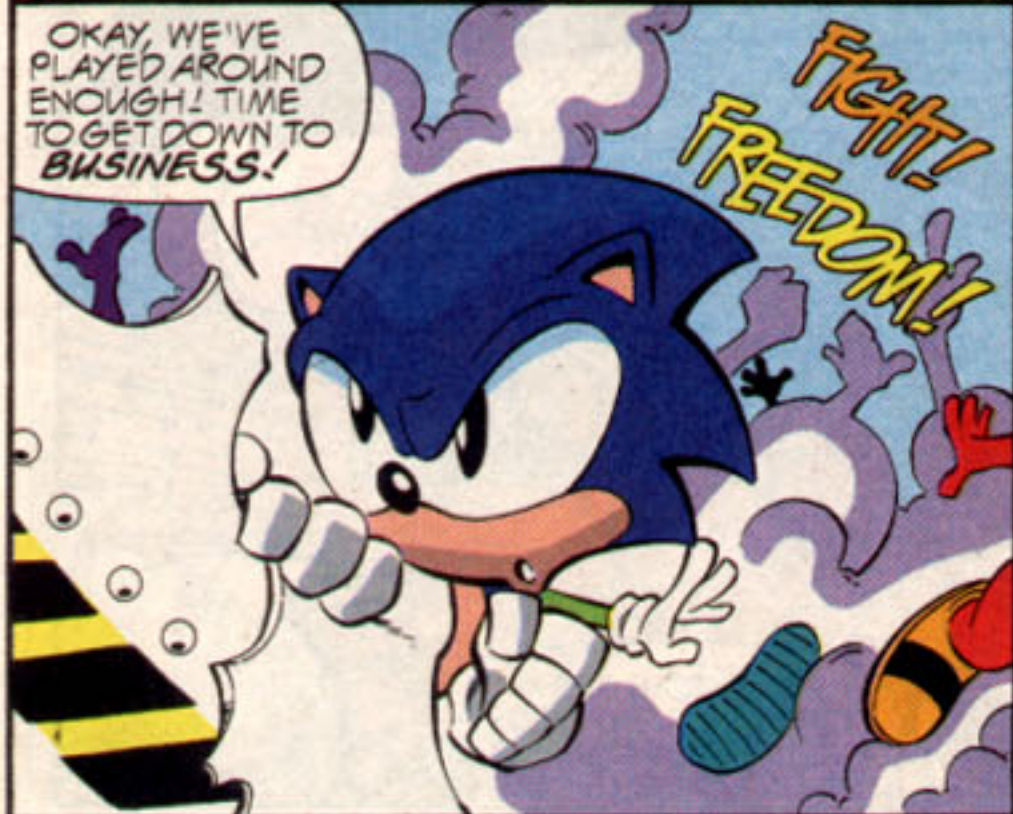
...IT'S-AN-
AIRPLANE!

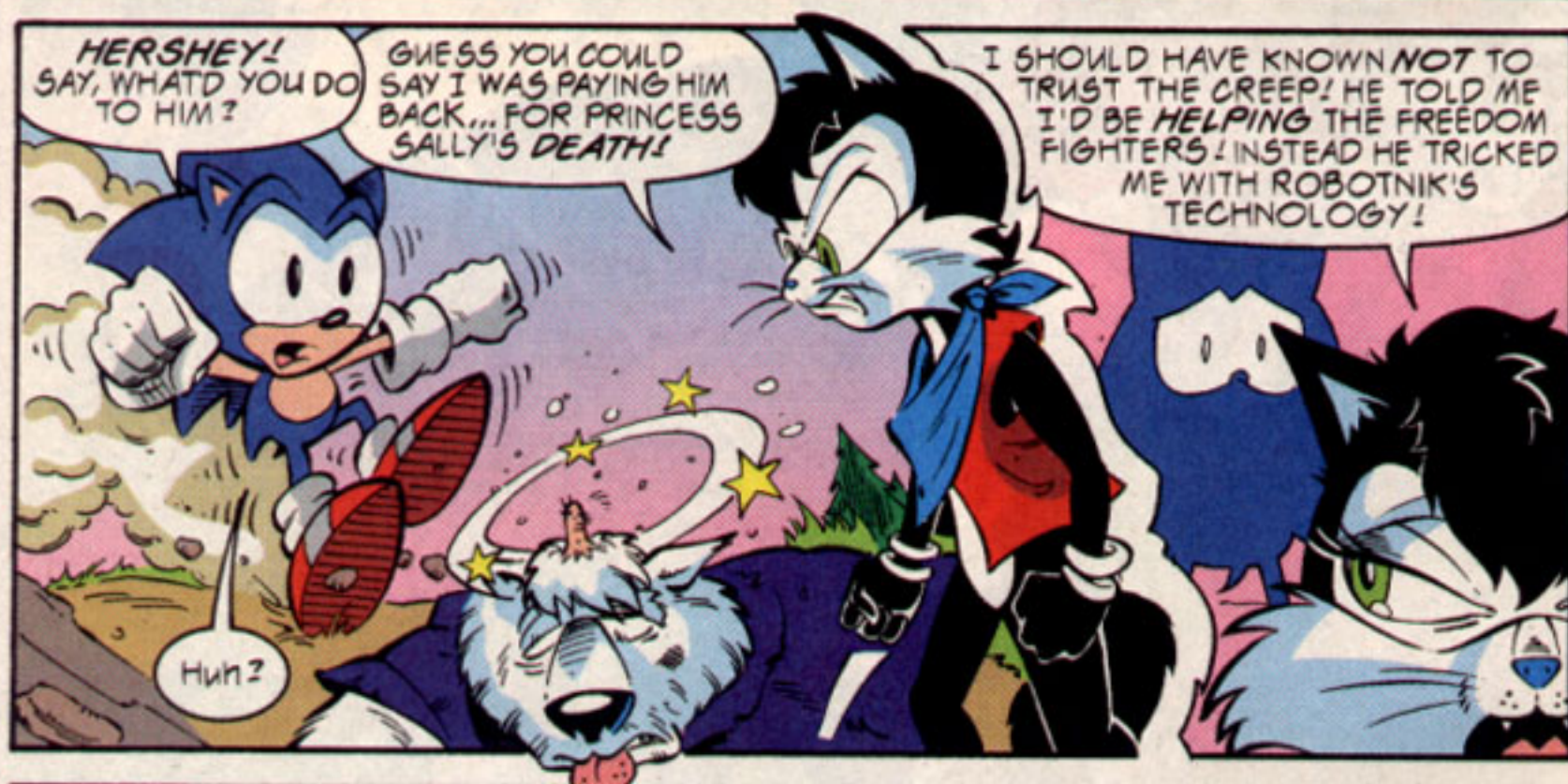
BY THE
SCEPTER OF
KING ACORN...
CHARGE!

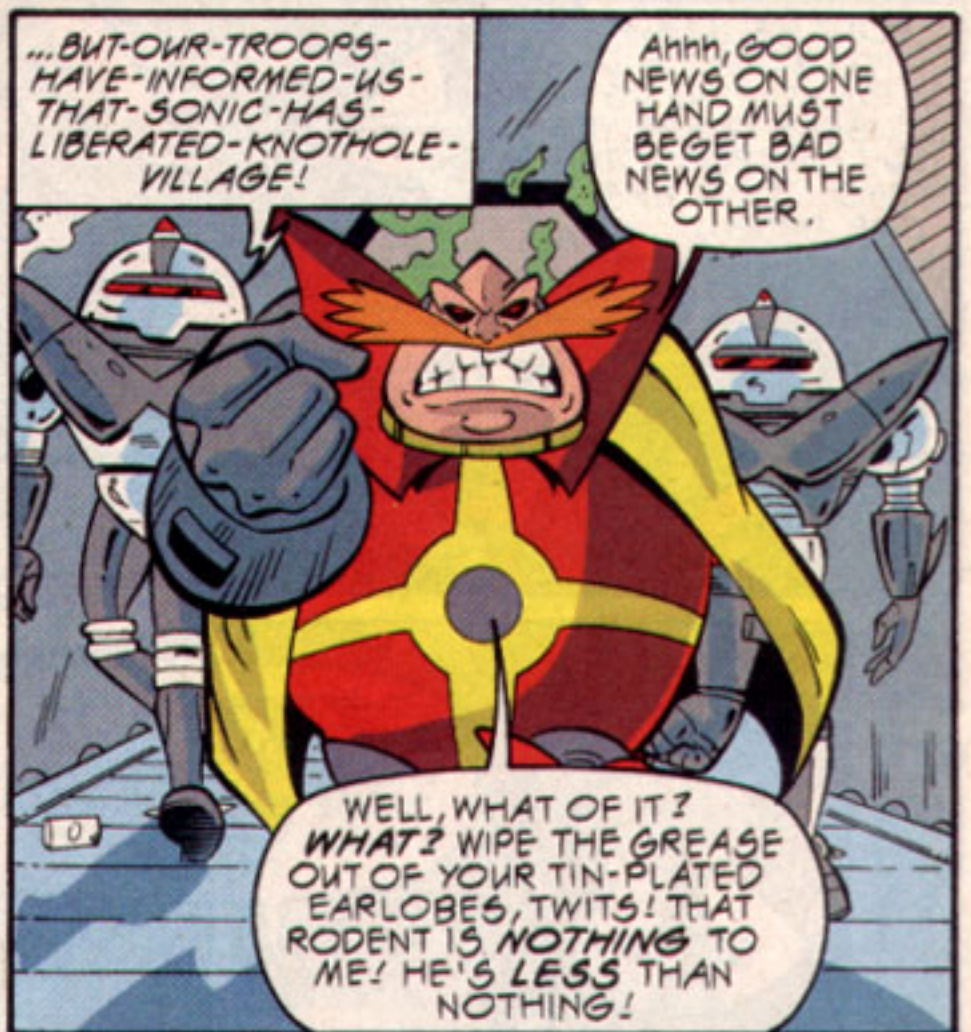
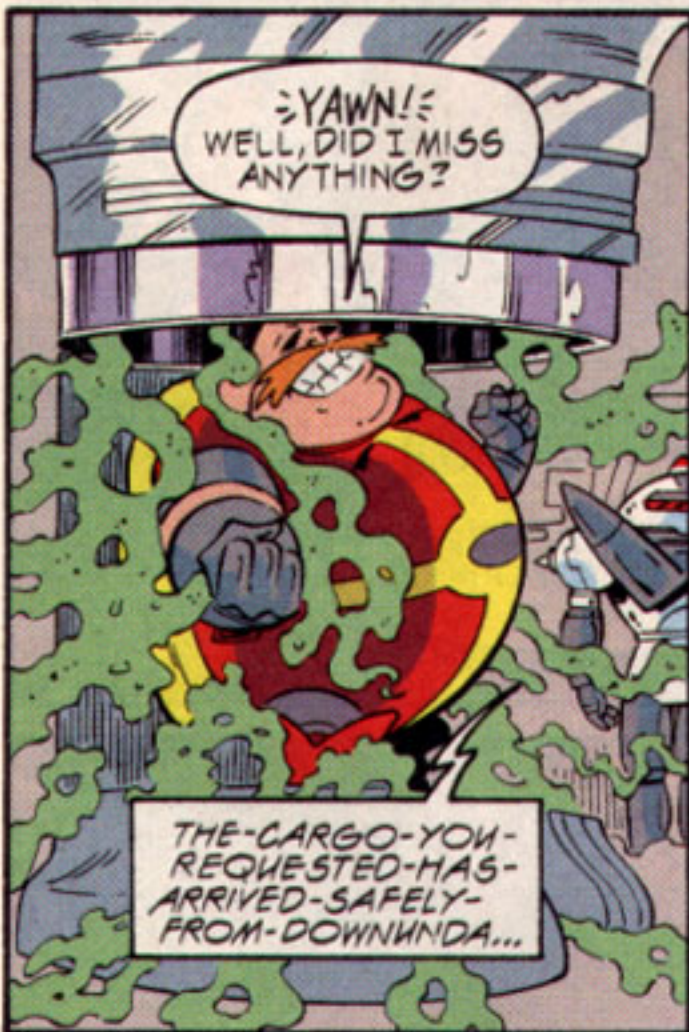
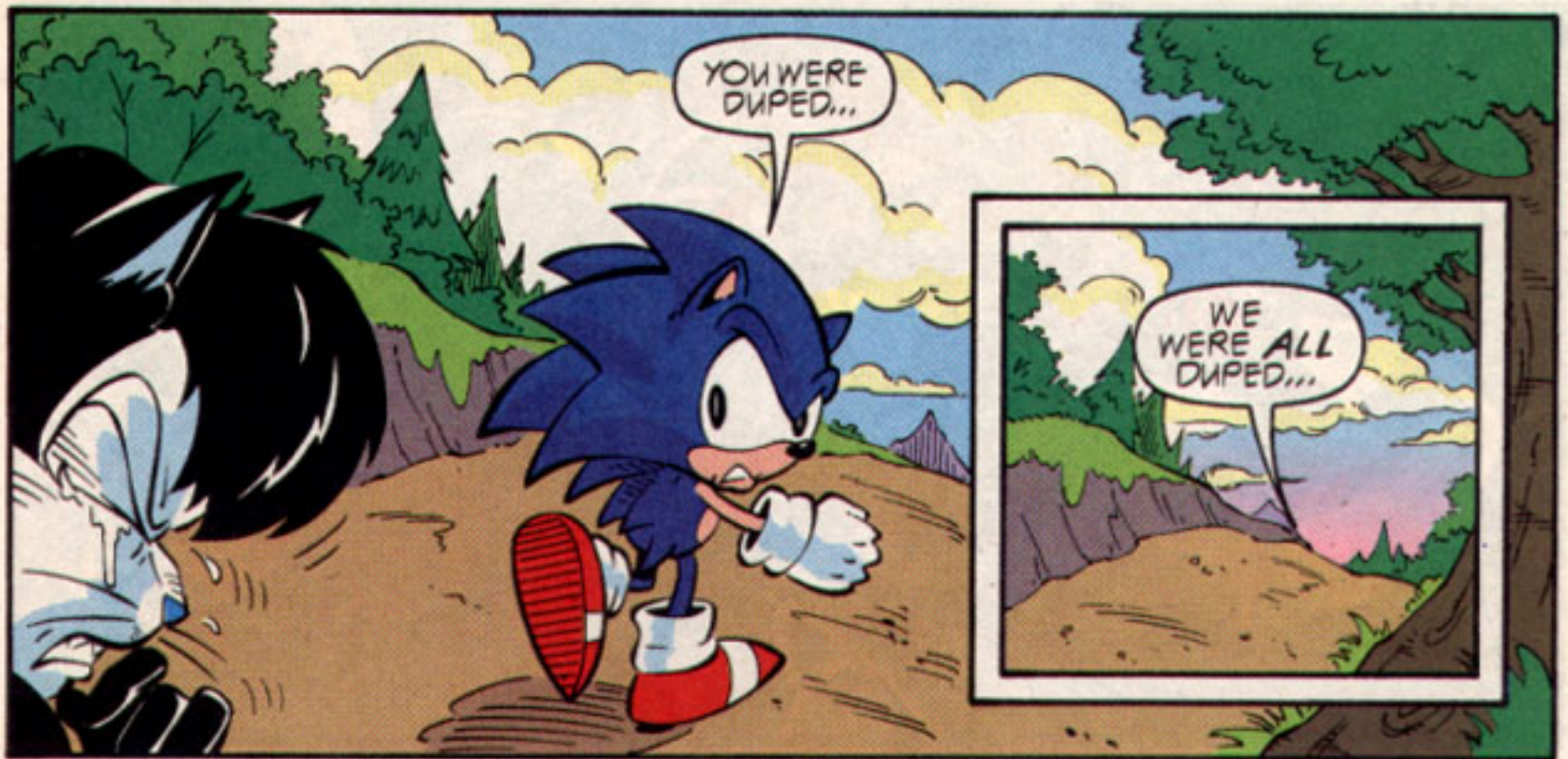
LOOK--IT'S
GEOFFREY--KNUCKLES--
AND...Gasp!... SONIC!
THEY'RE WORKING
TOGETHER!

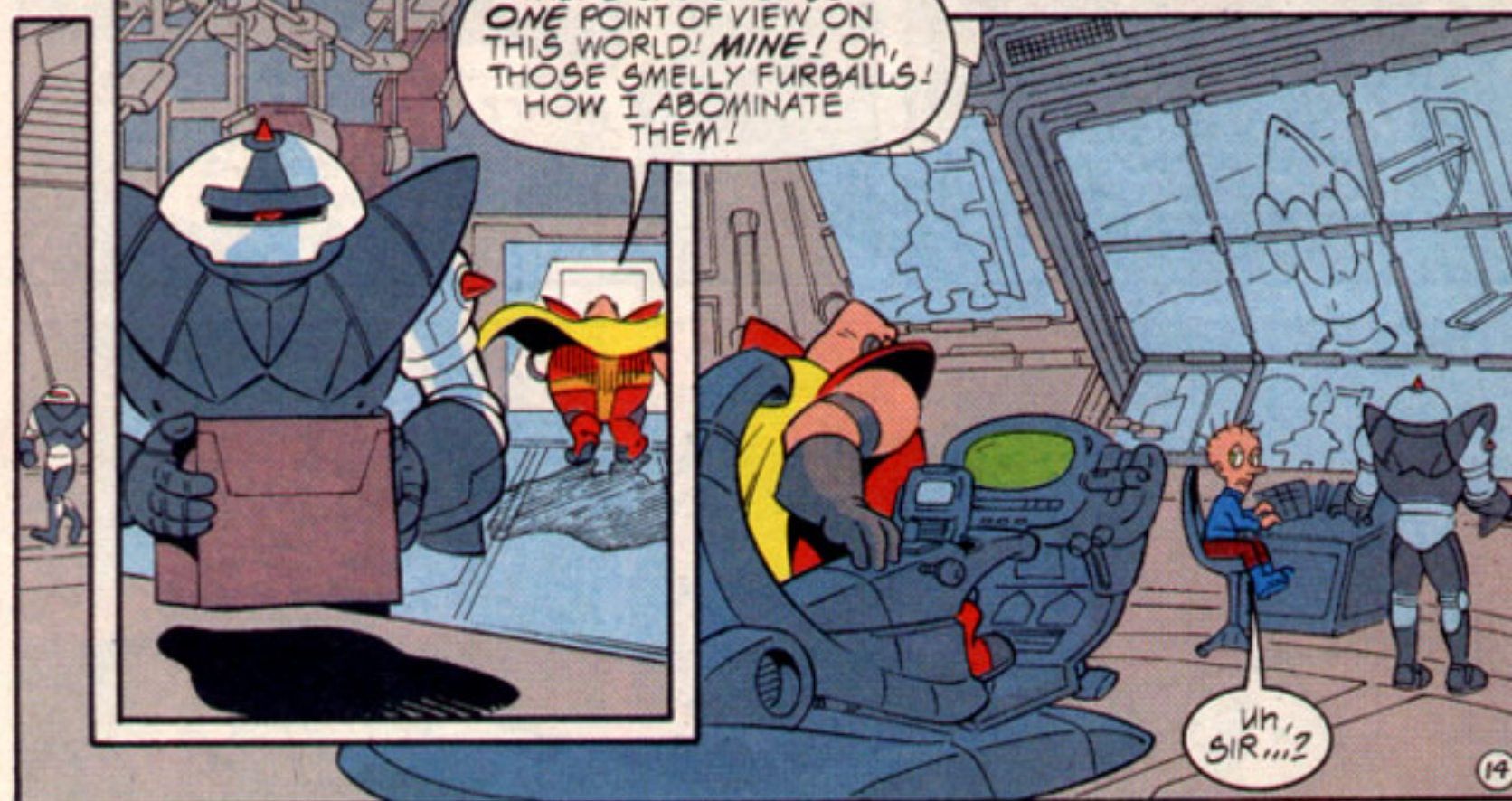
DON'T JUST
STAND THERE, YOU
RUSTBUCKETS!
BLAST THEM OUT
OF THE SKY!

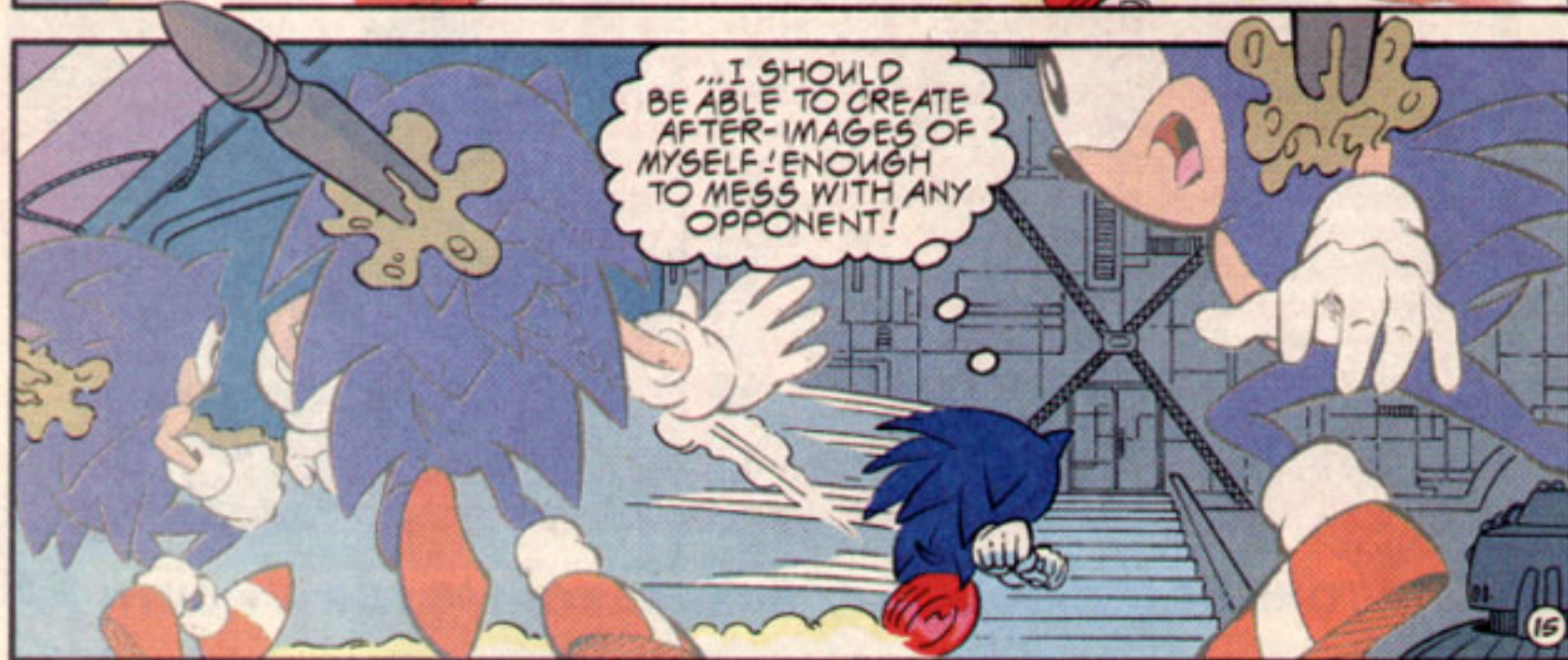
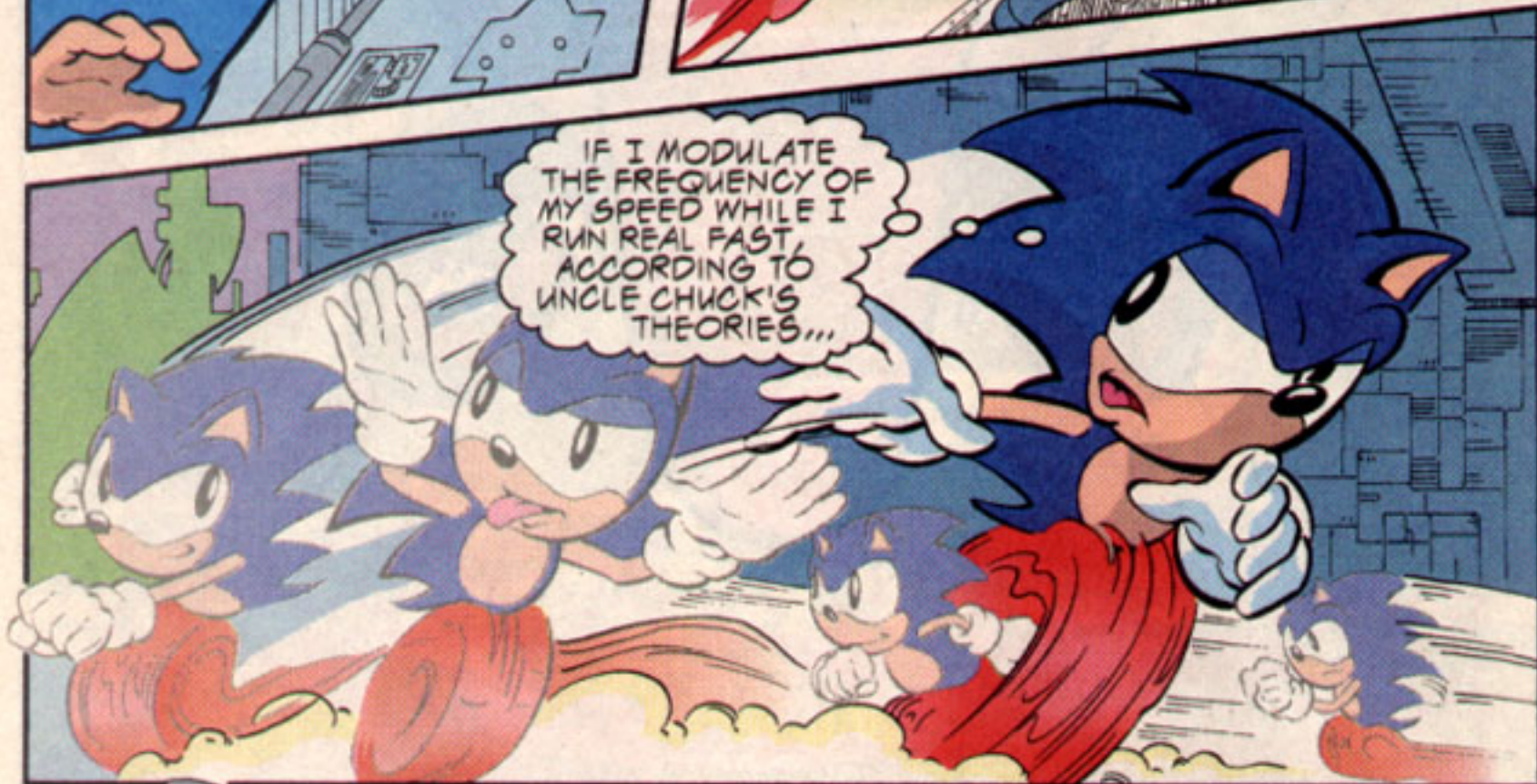
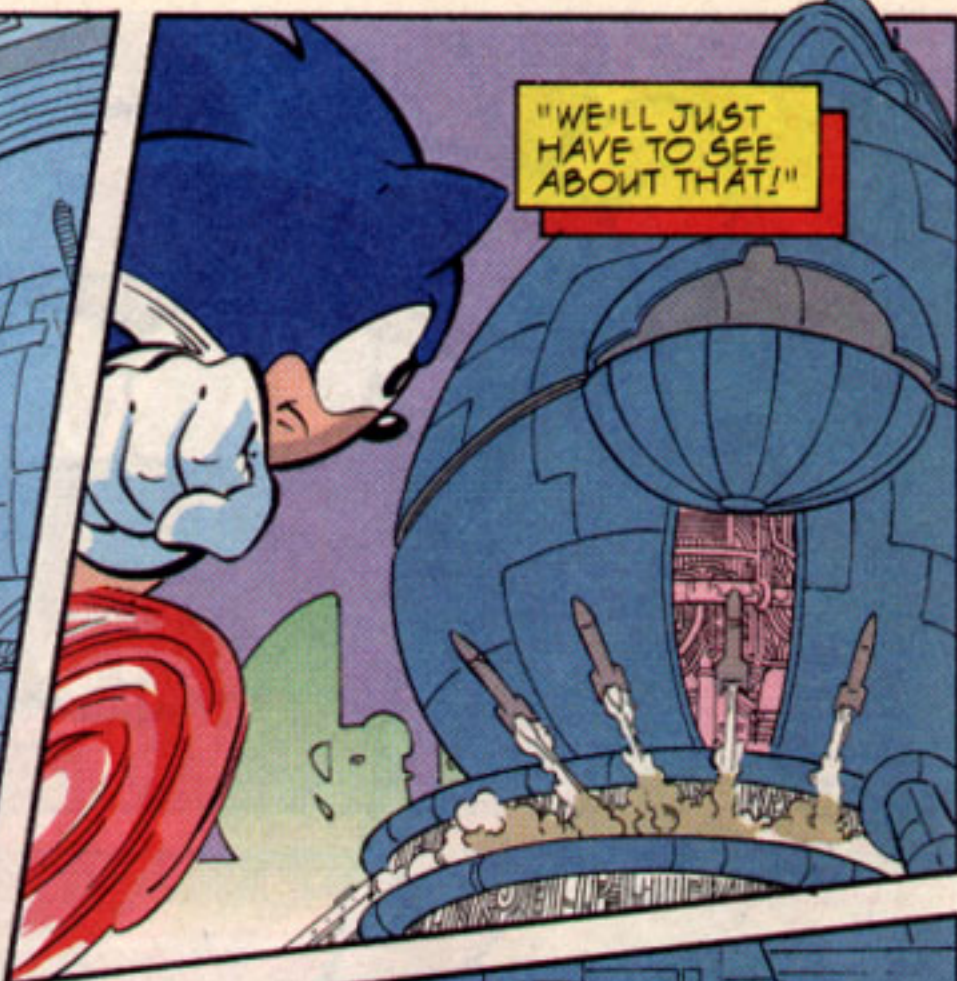
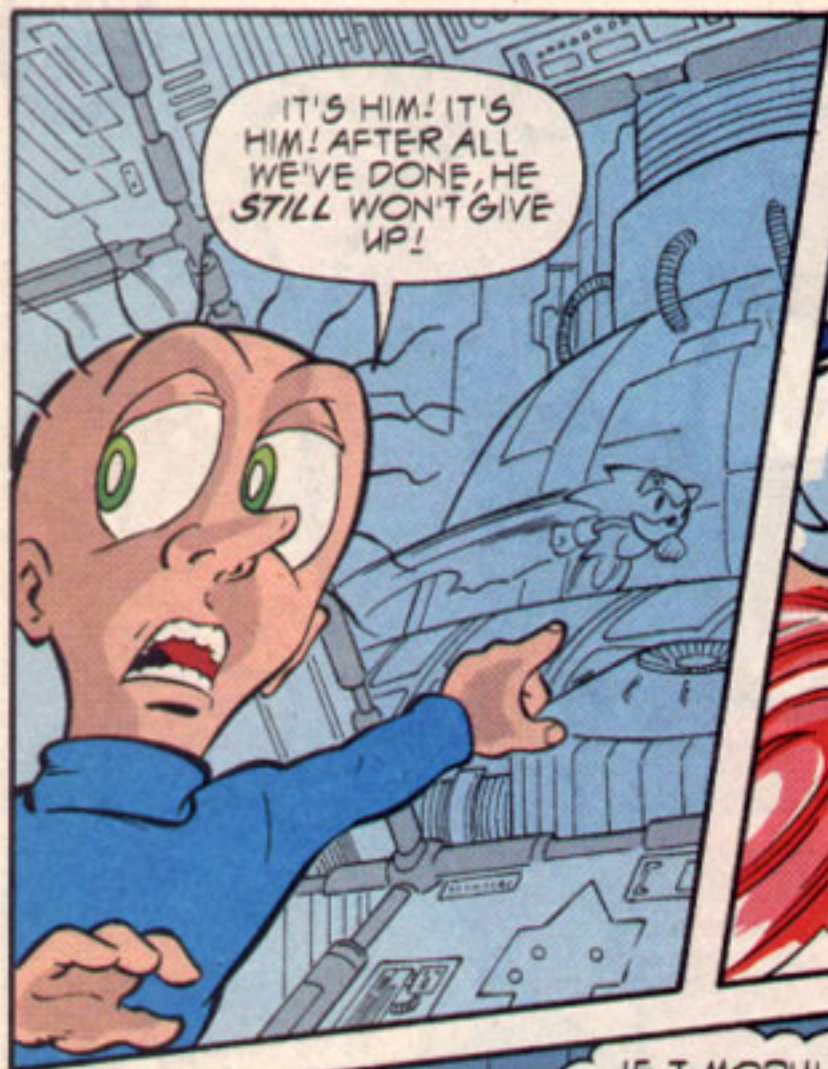
LET'S JOIN THEM!
COME ON, EVERYBODY--
DO IT FOR PRINCESS
SALLY!





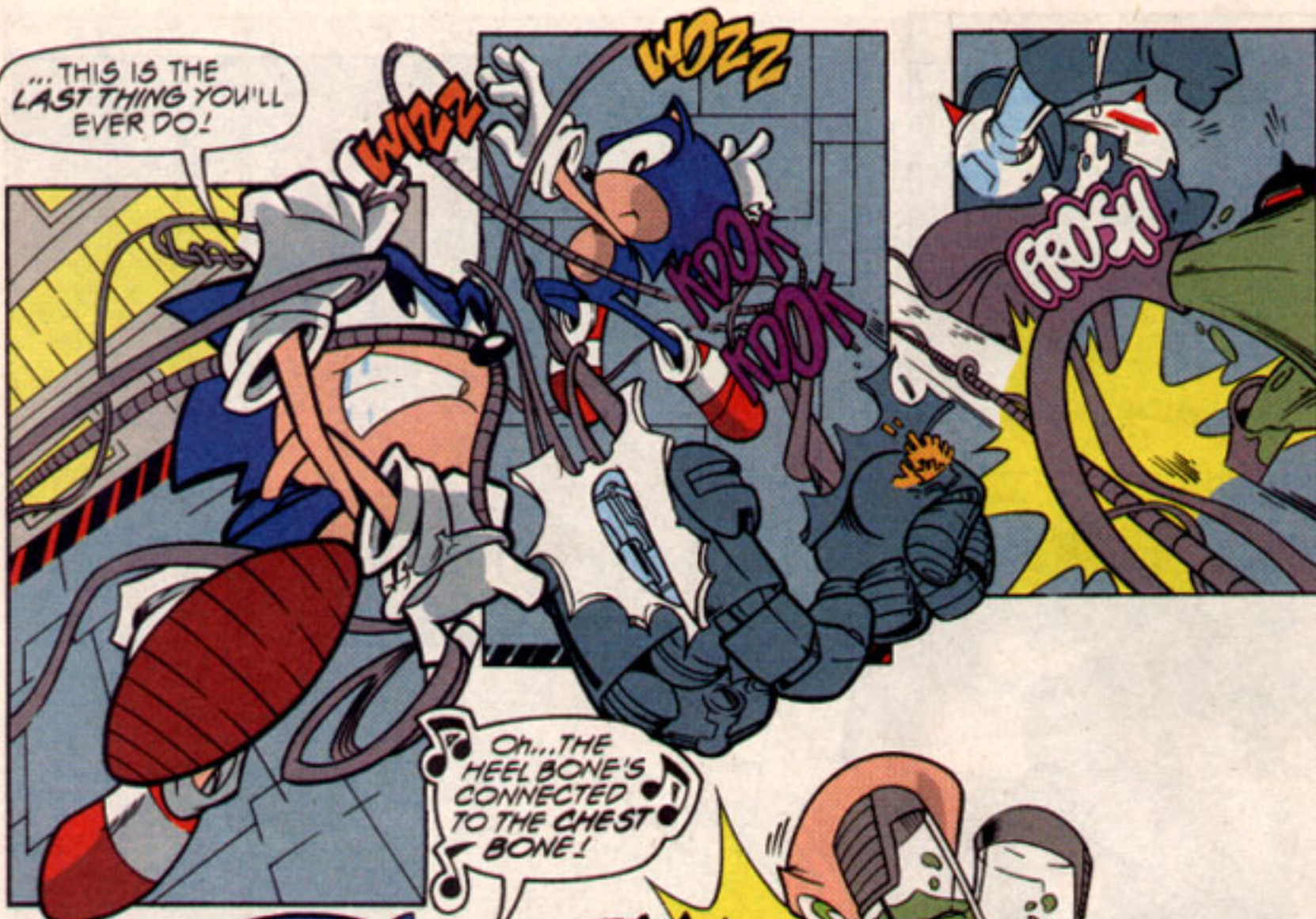








...THIS IS THE
LAST THING YOU'LL
EVER DO!



Oh...THE
HEEL BONE'S
CONNECTED
TO THE CHEST
BONE!

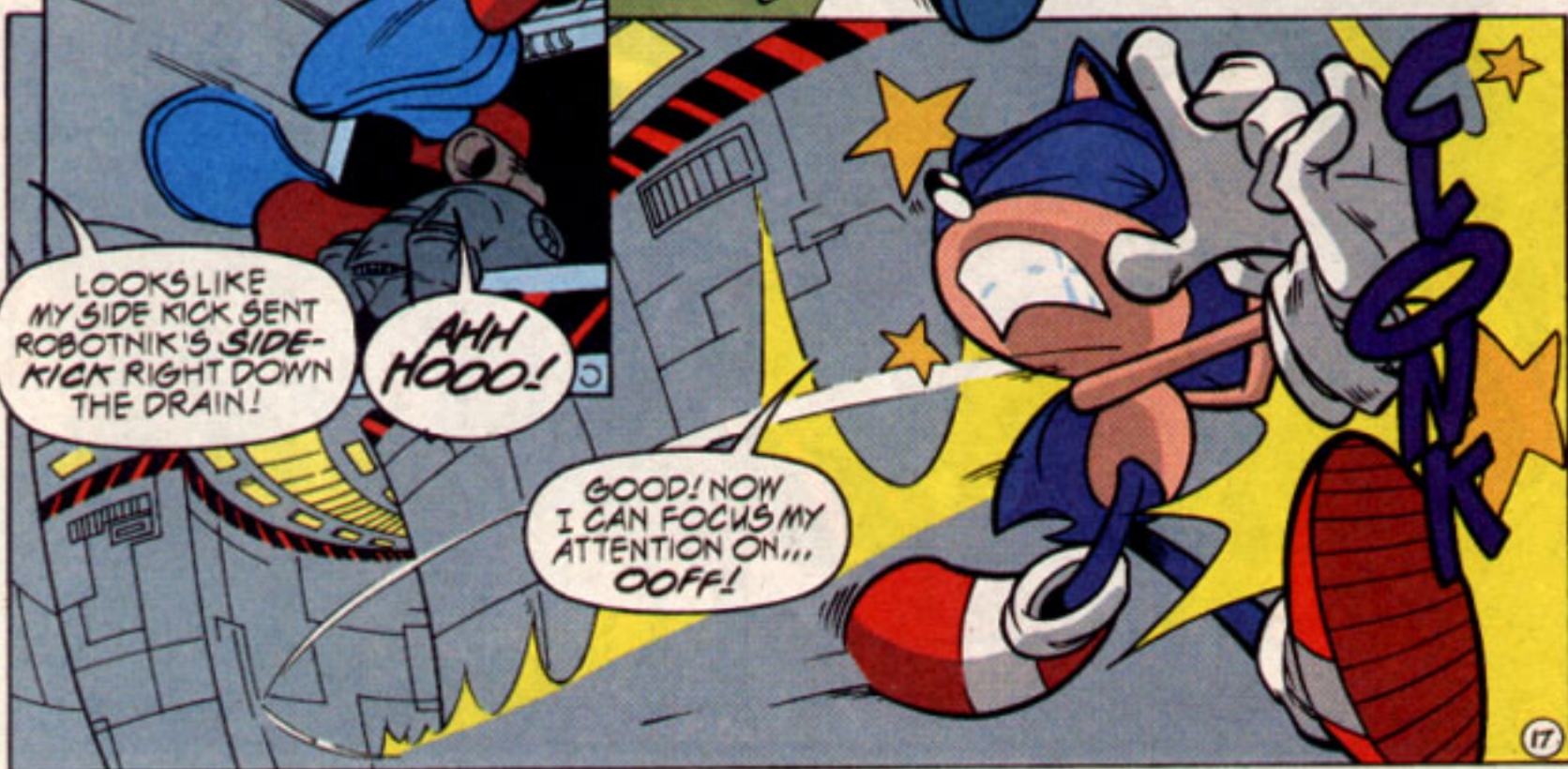
CRACKK

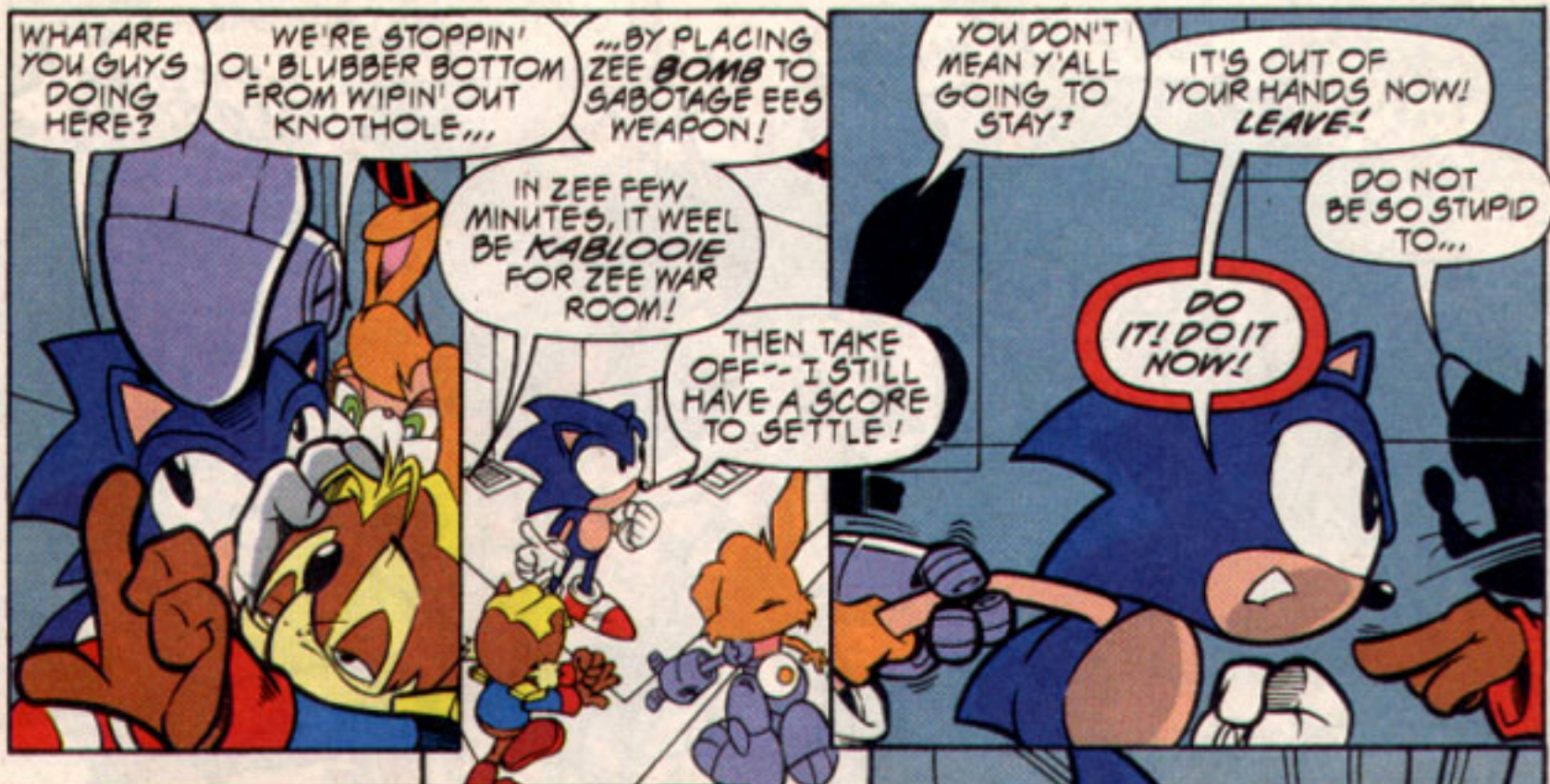
OHH! OWW!
YOU HURT MY
STERNUM!

LOOKS LIKE
MY SIDE KICK SENT
ROBOTNIK'S SIDE-
KICK RIGHT DOWN
THE DRAIN!

AHH
HOOO!

GOOD! NOW
I CAN FOCUS MY
ATTENTION ON...
OOFF!





WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?

WE'RE STOPPIN' OL' BLUBBER BOTTOM FROM WIPIN' OUT KNOTHOLE...

...BY PLACING ZEE BOMB TO SABOTAGE EES WEAPON!

IN ZEE FEW MINUTES, IT WEEL BE KABLOOIE FOR ZEE WAR ROOM!

THEN TAKE OFF-- I STILL HAVE A SCORE TO SETTLE!

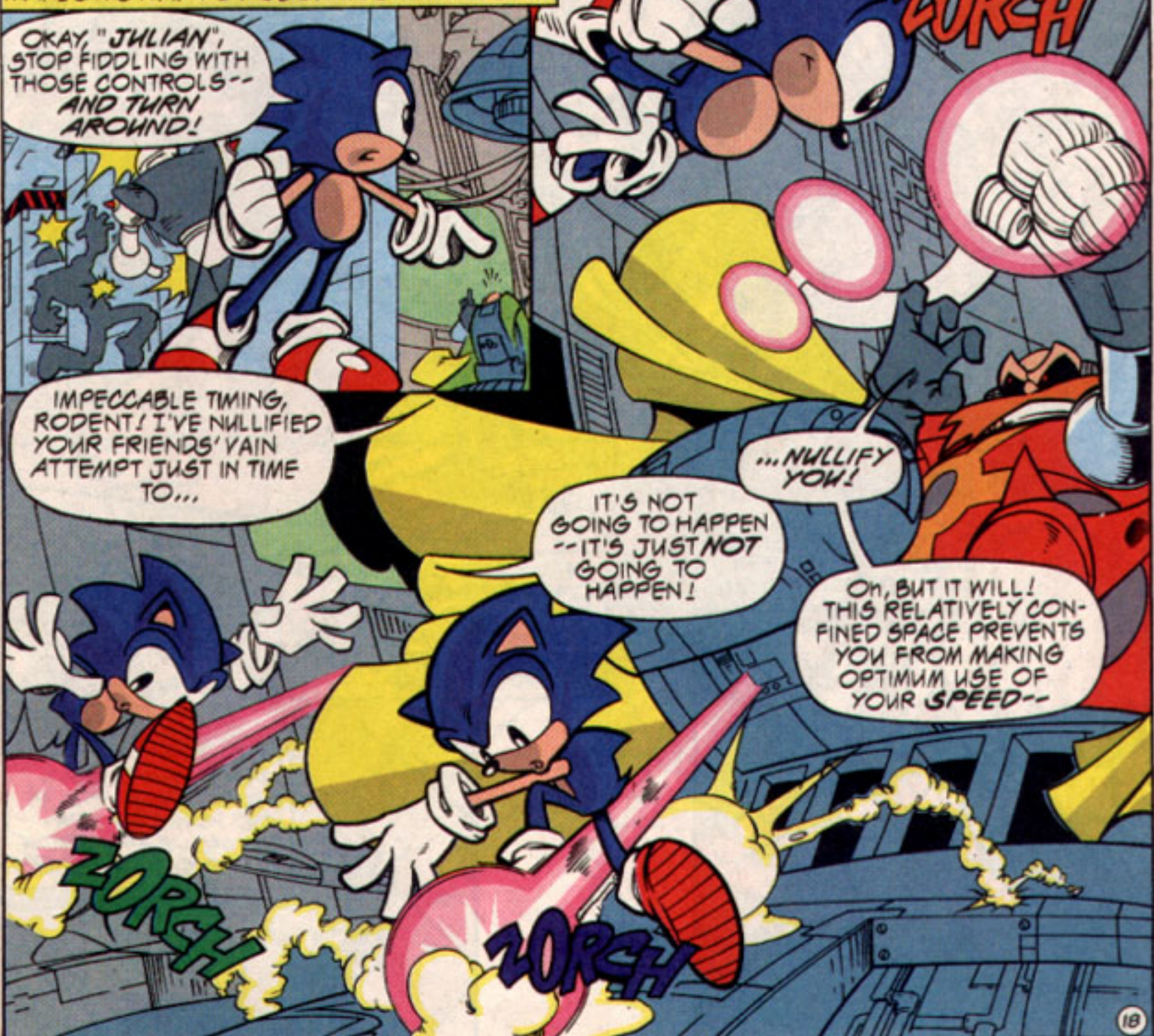
YOU DON'T MEAN Y'ALL GOING TO STAY?

IT'S OUT OF YOUR HANDS NOW! LEAVE!

DO NOT BE SO STUPID TO...

DO IT! DO IT NOW!

WITH AN UNCHARACTERISTIC DEMEANOR DEVOID OF HUMOR, THE LONE HERO MAKES HIS WAY TO ROBOTNIK'S WAR ROOM...



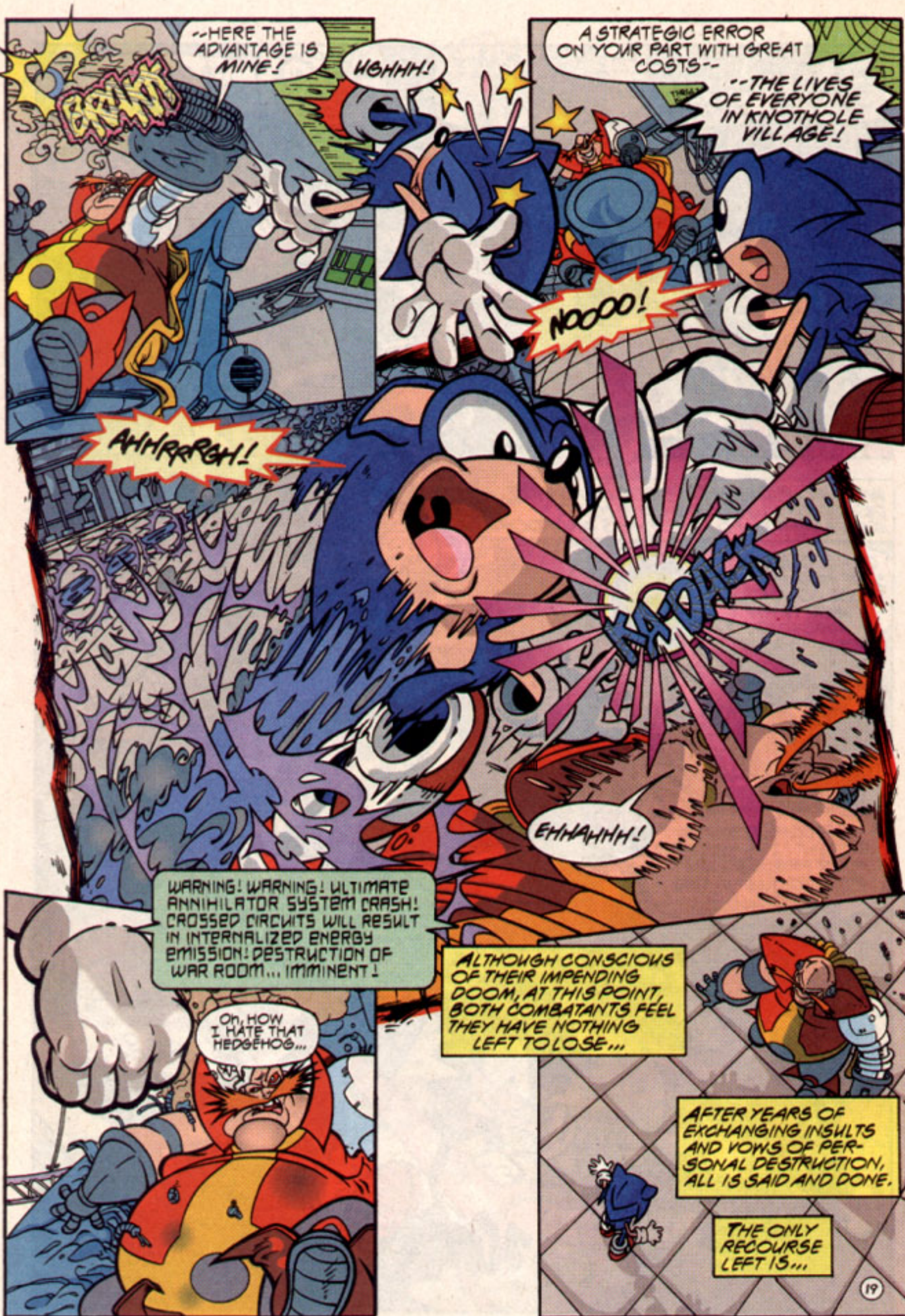
OKAY, "JULIAN", STOP FIDDLING WITH THOSE CONTROLS-- AND TURN AROUND!

IMPECCABLE TIMING, RODENT! I'VE NULLIFIED YOUR FRIENDS' VAIN ATTEMPT JUST IN TIME TO...

IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN-- IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO HAPPEN!

...NULLIFY YOU!

Oh, BUT IT WILL! THIS RELATIVELY CONFINED SPACE PREVENTS YOU FROM MAKING OPTIMUM USE OF YOUR SPEED--



--HERE THE
ADVANTAGE IS
MINE!

WGHHH!

A STRATEGIC ERROR
ON YOUR PART WITH GREAT
COSTS--

--THE LIVES
OF EVERYONE
IN KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE!

NOOOO!

AHHRARGH!

KAPOW!

EHHAHHH!

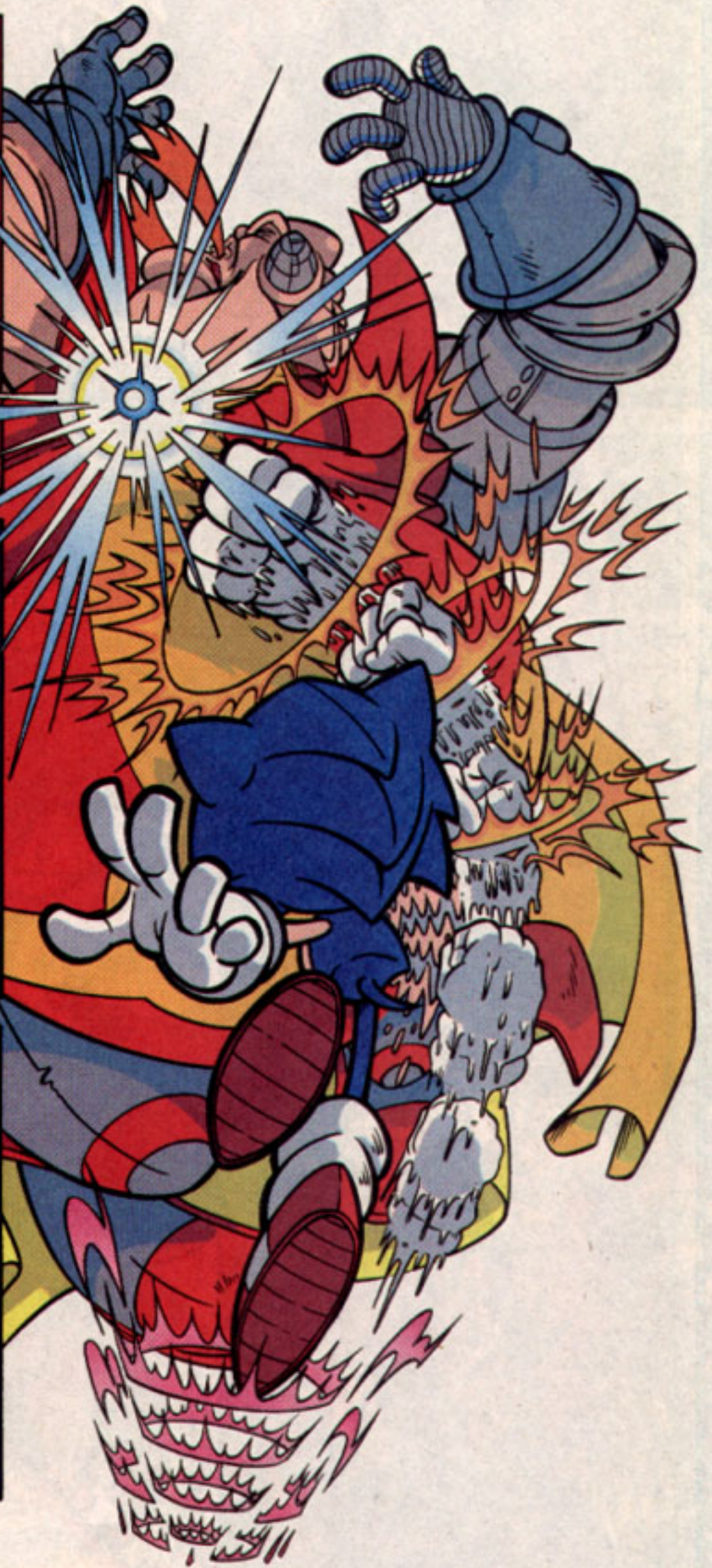
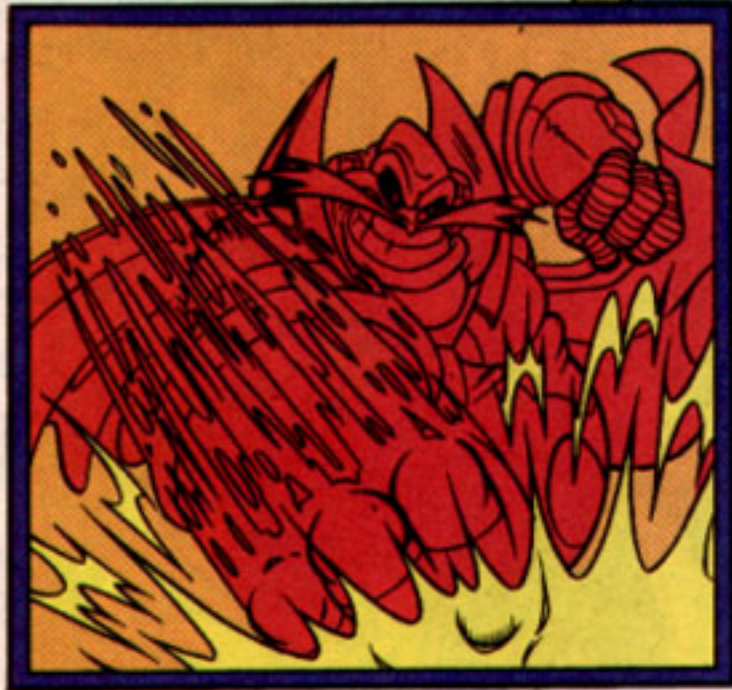
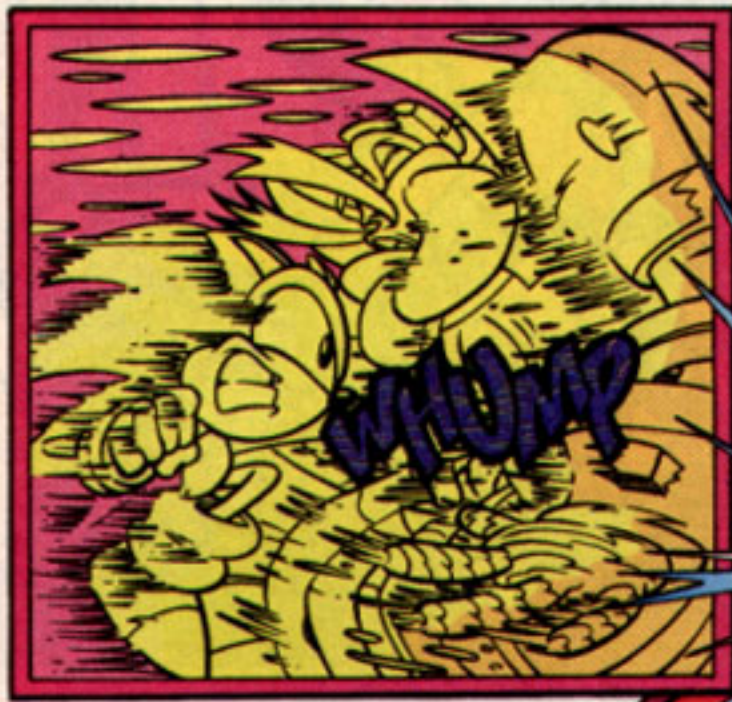
WARNING! WARNING! ULTIMATE
ANNIHILATOR SYSTEM CRASH!
CROSSED CIRCUITS WILL RESULT
IN INTERNALIZED ENERGY
EMISSION! DESTRUCTION OF
WAR ROOM... IMMINENT!

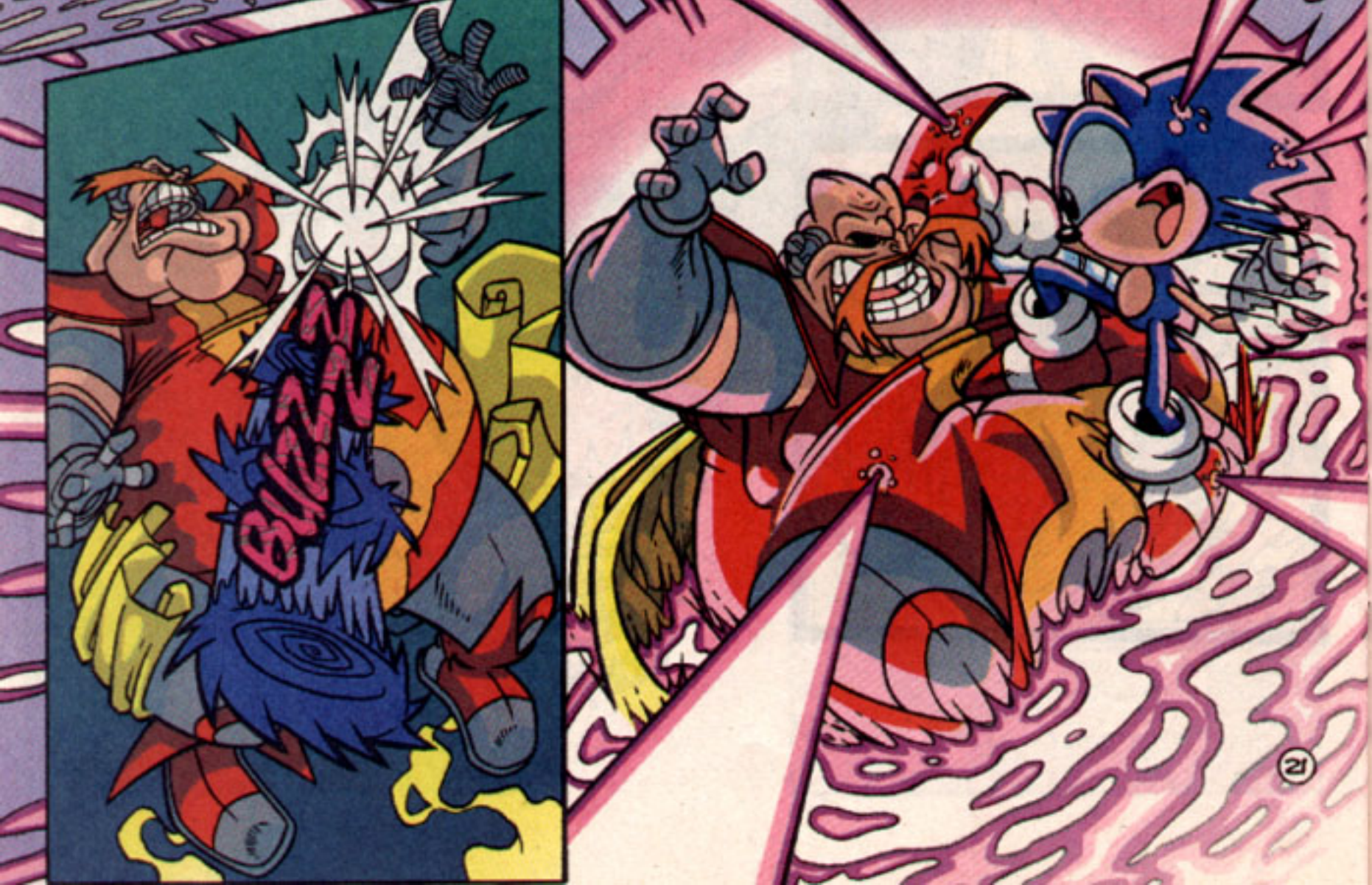
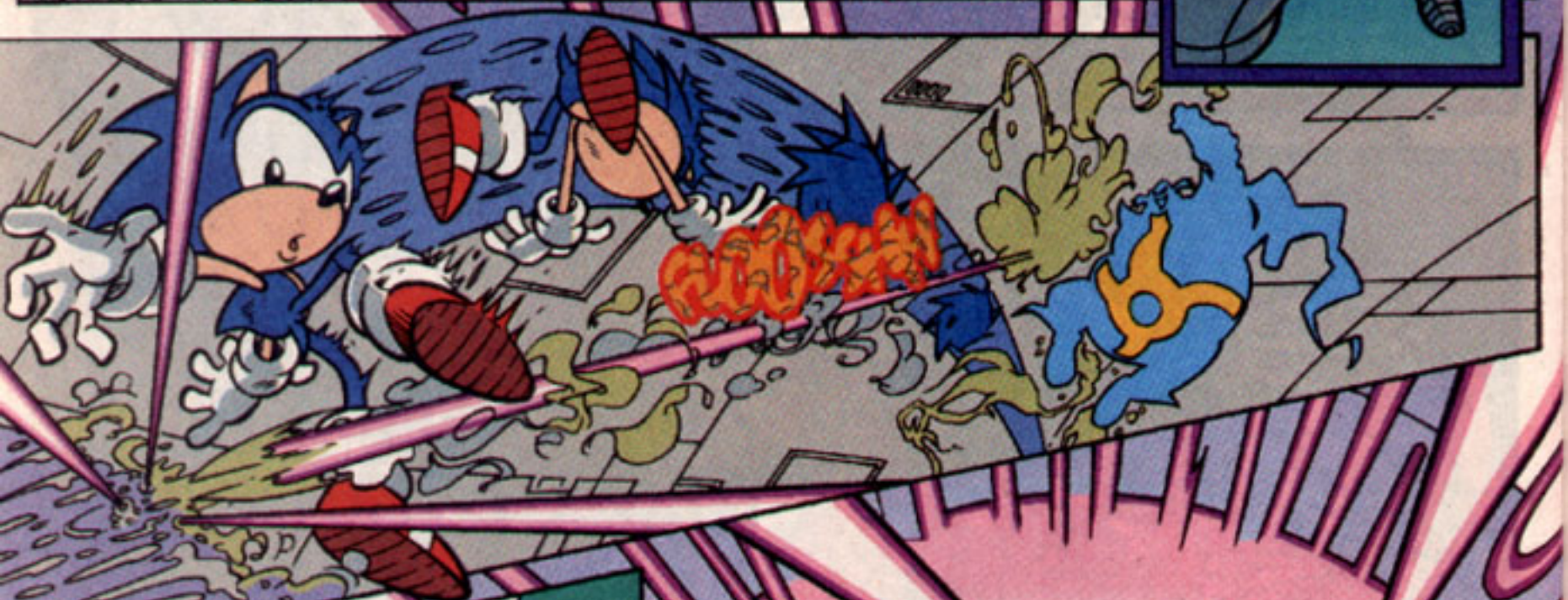
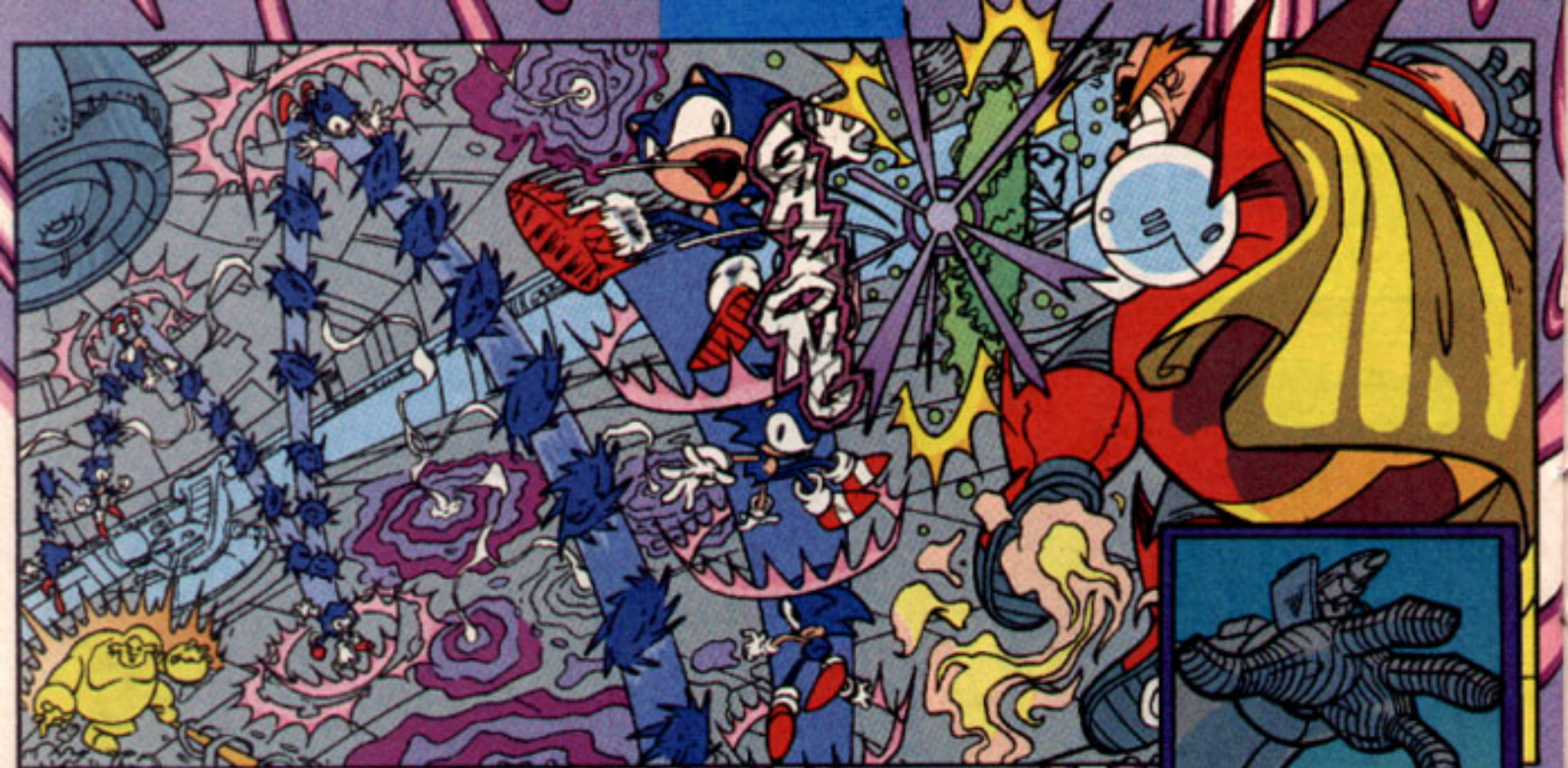
OH, HOW
I HATE THAT
HEDGEHOG...

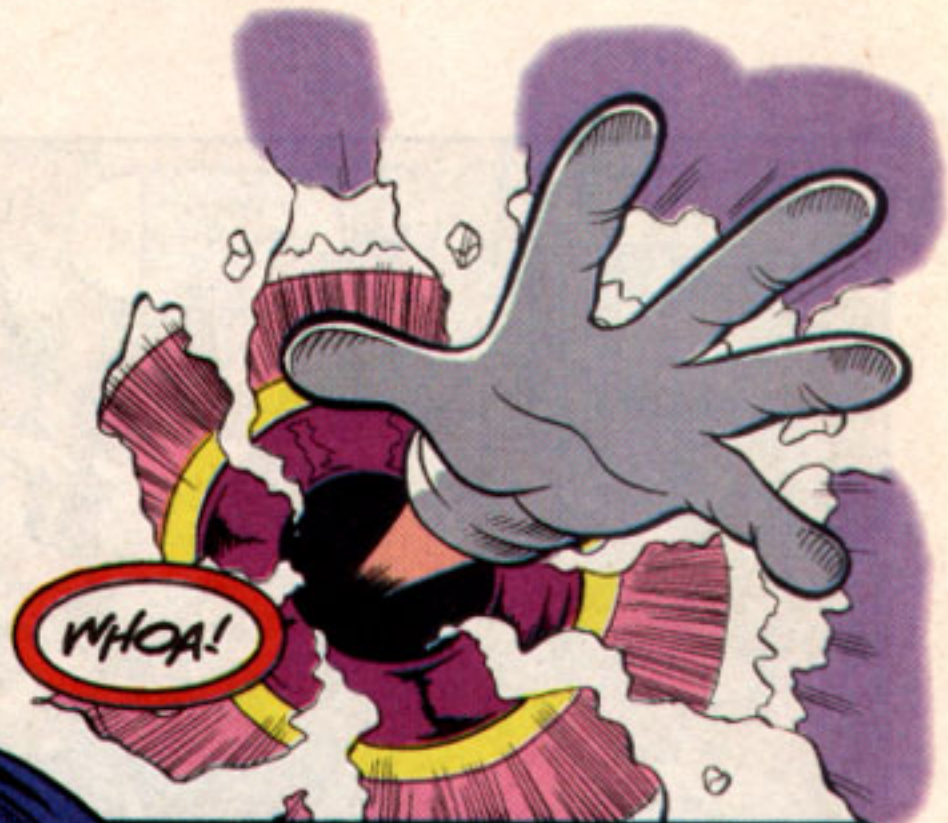
ALTHOUGH CONSCIOUS
OF THEIR IMPENDING
DOOM, AT THIS POINT,
BOTH COMBATANTS FEEL
THEY HAVE NOTHING
LEFT TO LOSE...

AFTER YEARS OF
EXCHANGING INSULTS
AND VOWS OF PER-
SONAL DESTRUCTION,
ALL IS SAID AND DONE.

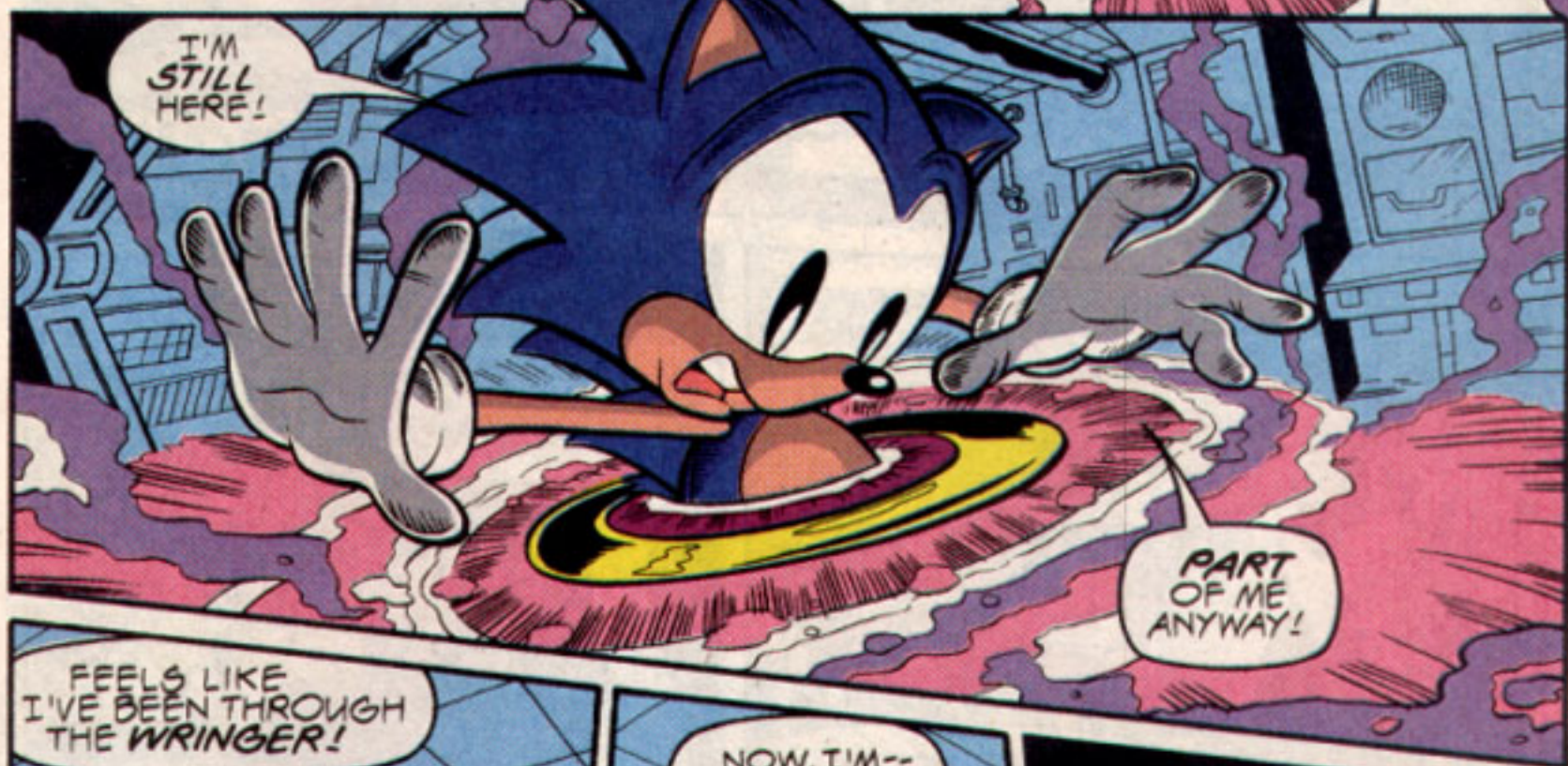
THE ONLY
RECOURSE
LEFT IS...







WHOA!



I'M STILL HERE!

PART OF ME ANYWAY!



FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN THROUGH THE WRINGER!



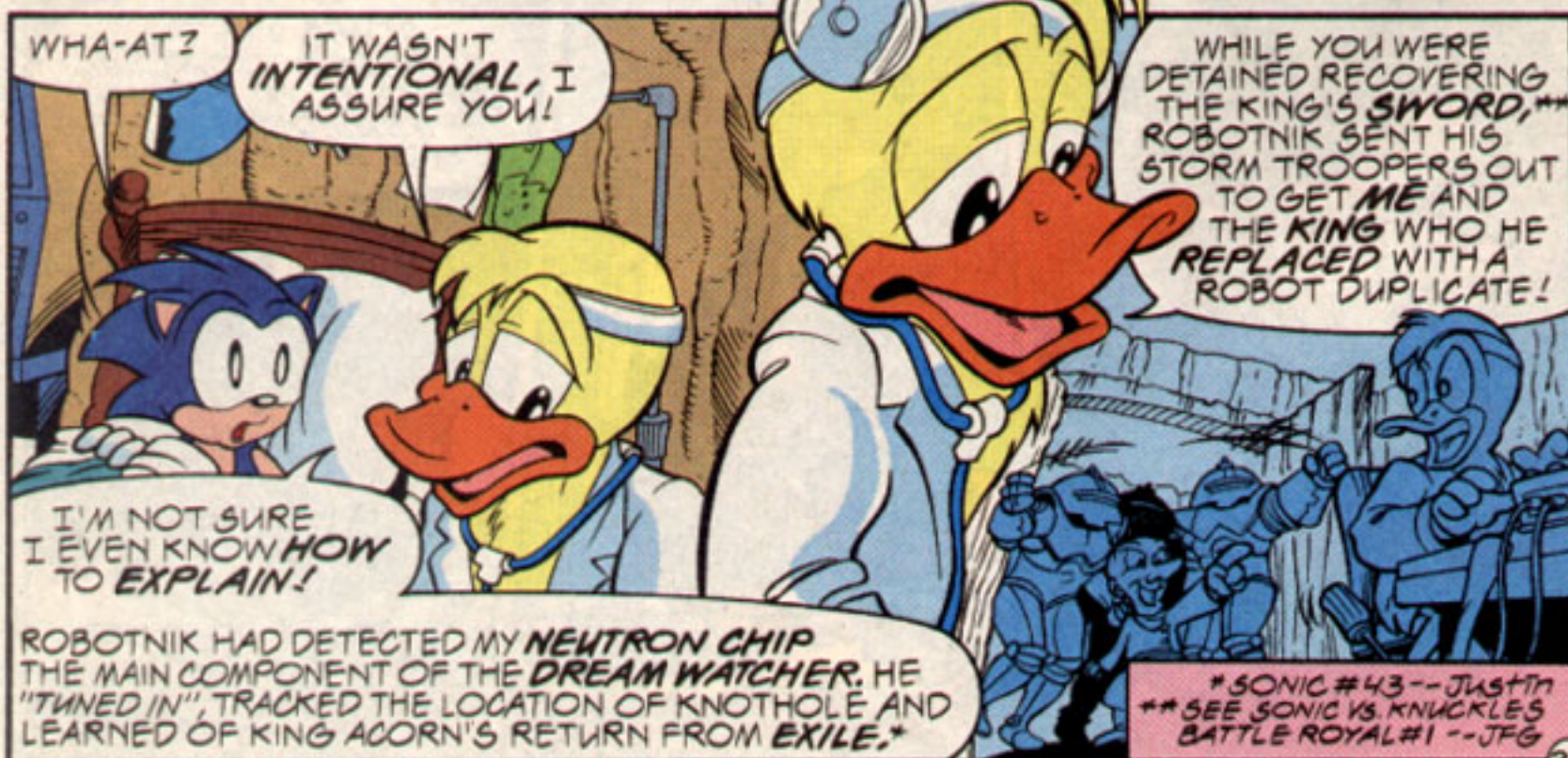
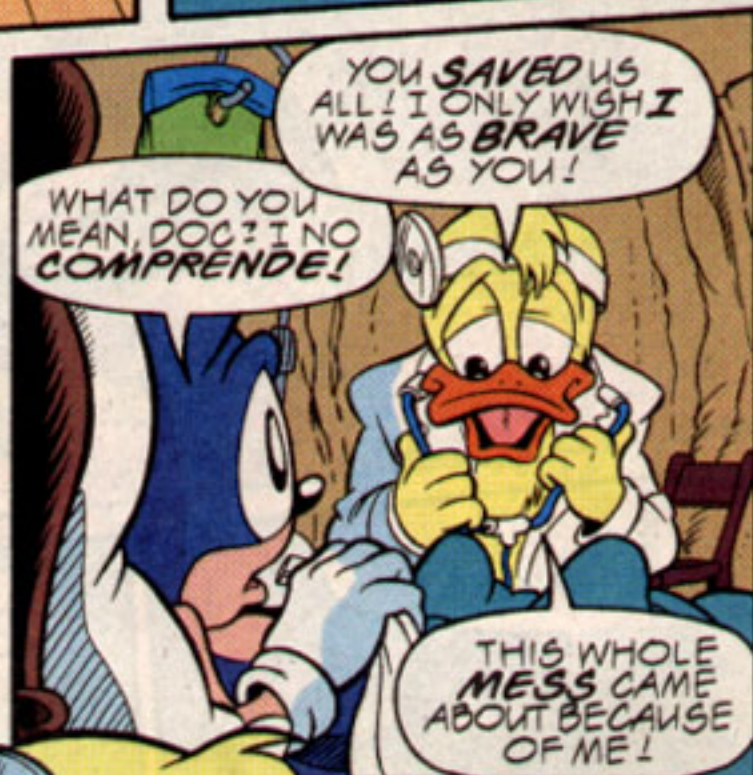
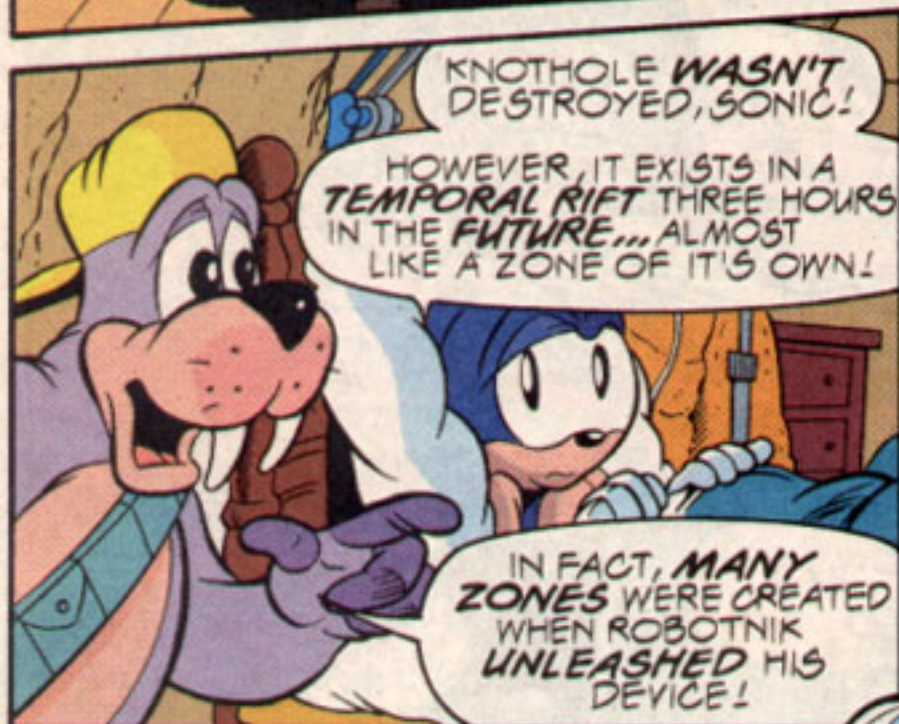
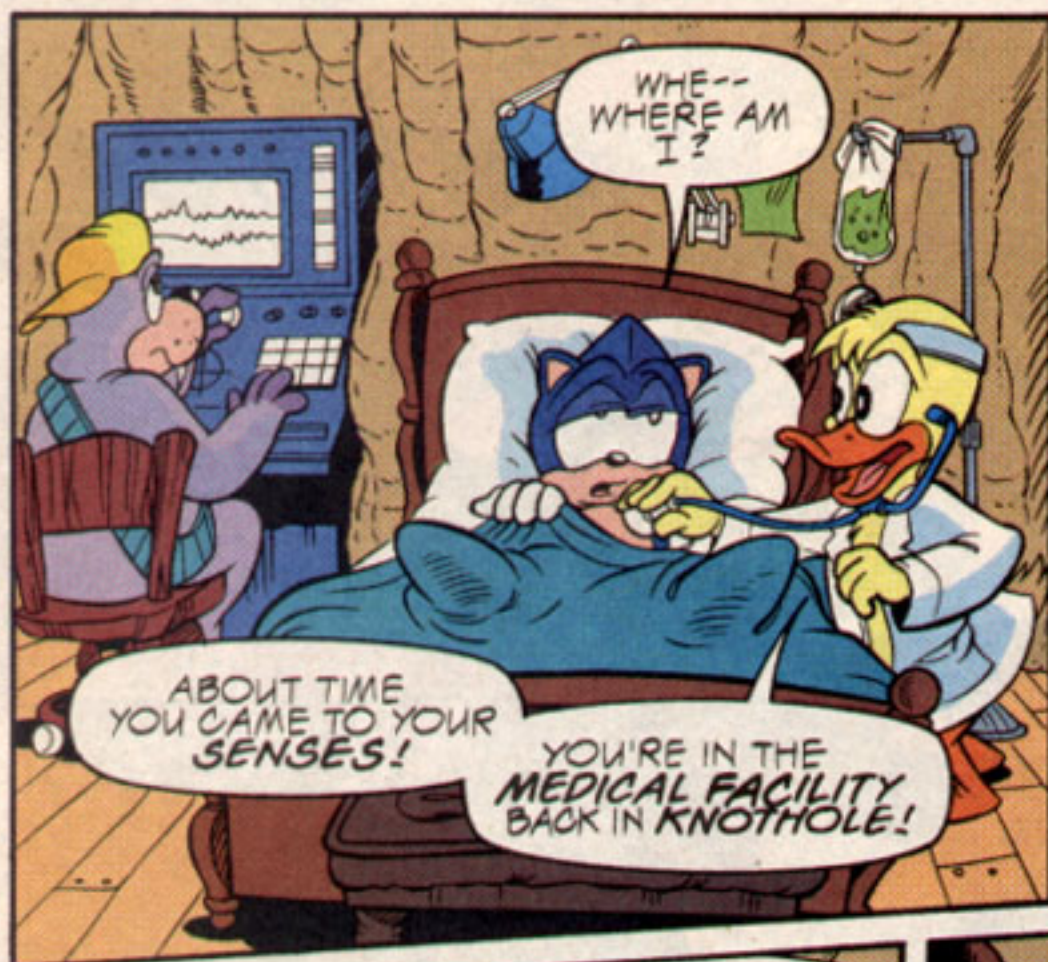
NOW, I'M-- SO TIRED-- SO

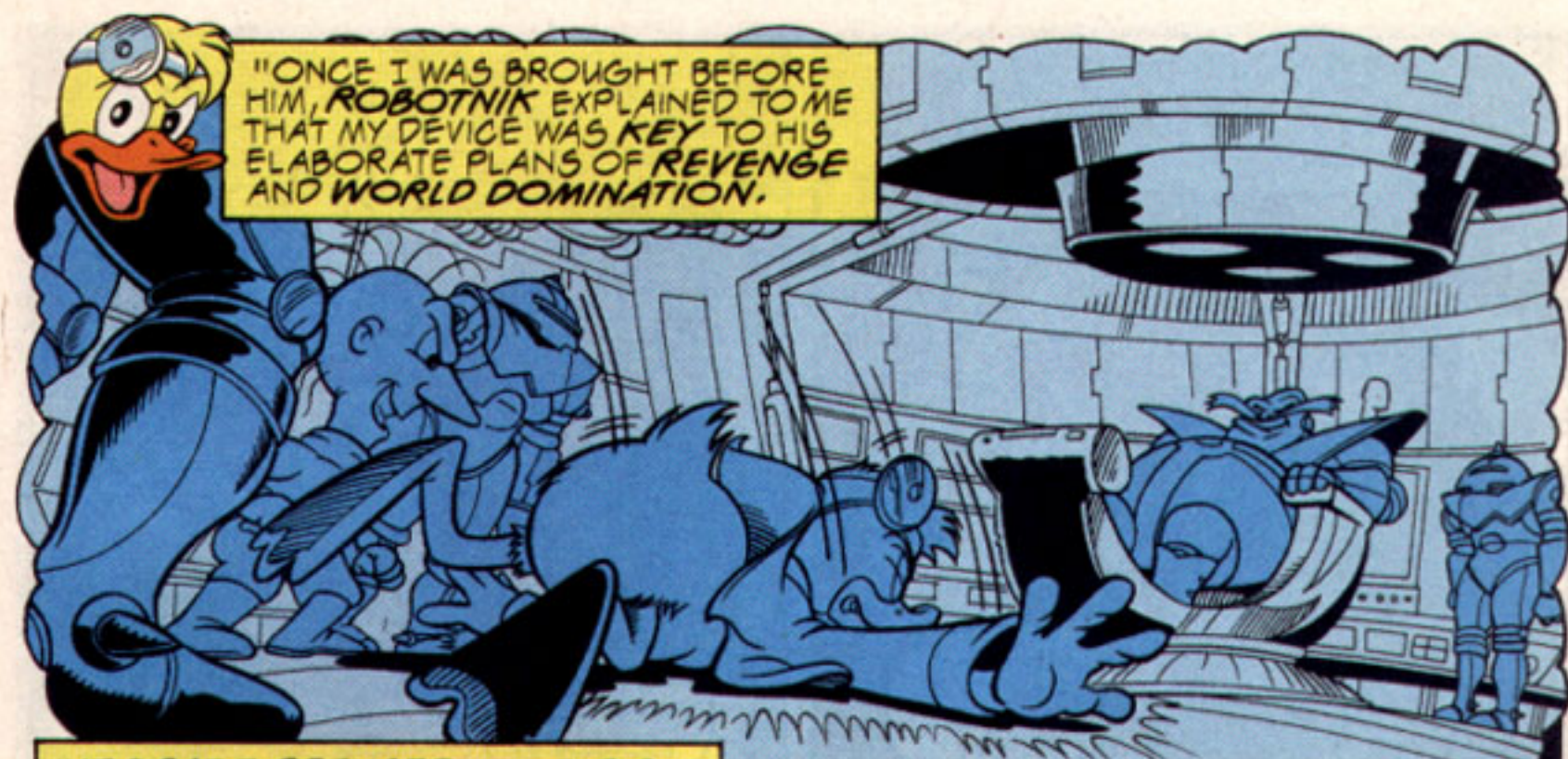
--TIRED...



THERE HE IS!

SONIC WAS THE CLOSEST TO GROUND ZERO, SO HE PROBABLY NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY!





"ONCE I WAS BROUGHT BEFORE HIM, **ROBOTNIK** EXPLAINED TO ME THAT MY DEVICE WAS **KEY** TO HIS ELABORATE PLANS OF **REVENGE** AND **WORLD DOMINATION**.

"AT FIRST I **REFUSED** TO HELP, BUT WHEN HE HAD **SNIVELY** KIDNAP MY **WIFE** AND **CHILDREN**, I WAS LEFT WITH **LITTLE CHOICE**.

"SINCE HE WAS **AFRAID** YOU MIGHT **INTERFERE**, **ROBOTNIK** APPEALED TO **DRAGO'S GREED** AND **LUST** FOR THE **EASY LIFE**.

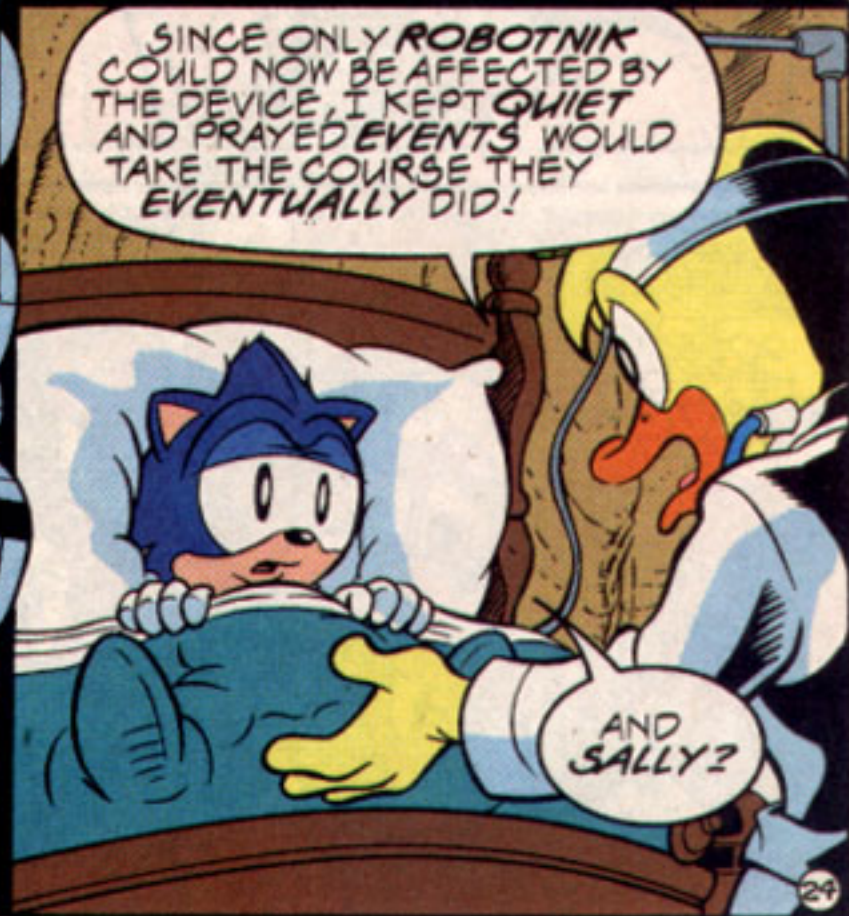


"IN TURN, **DRAGO** SET YOU UP USING **SALLY** AS THE **FALL GI--Er--BAIT!**

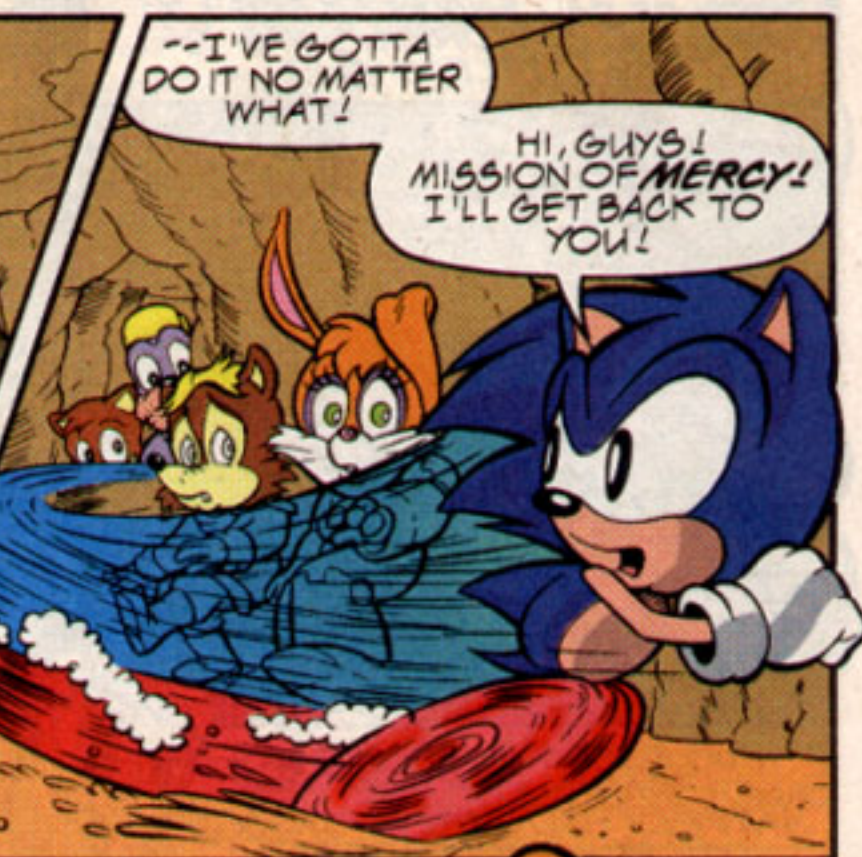
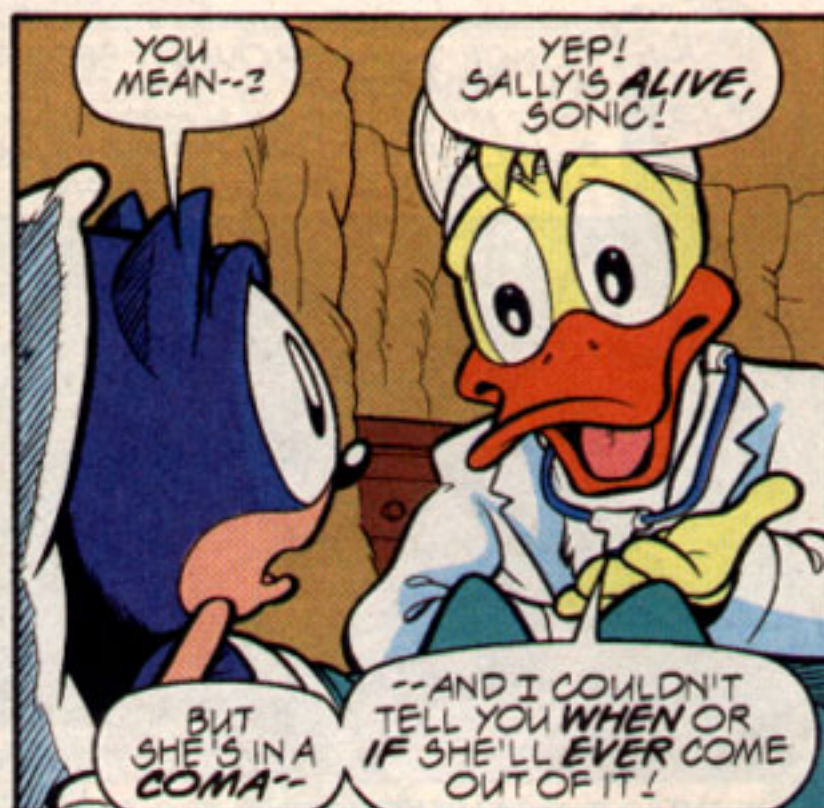
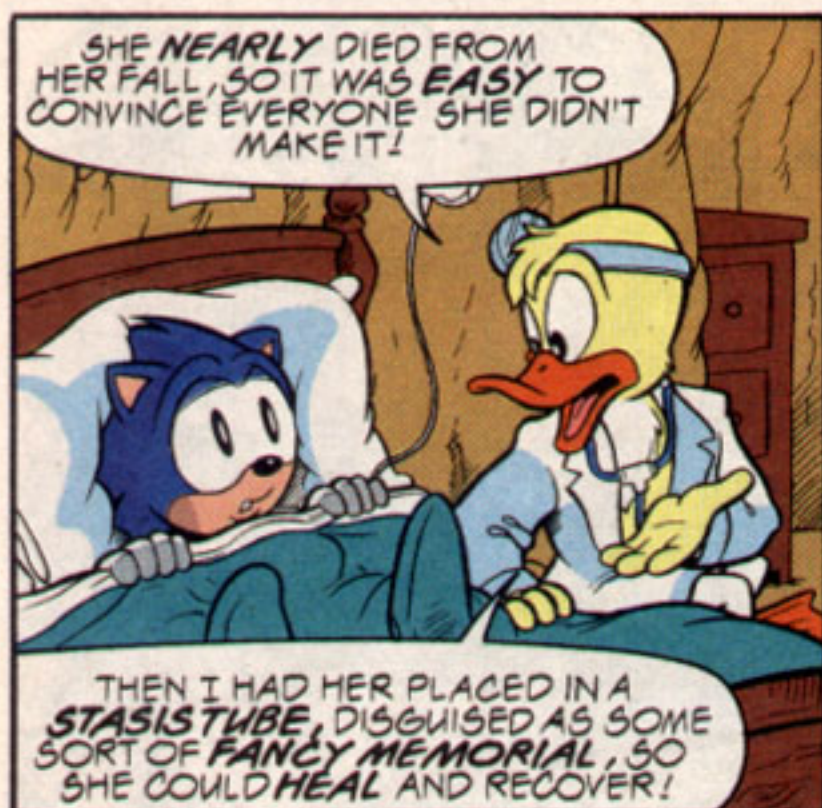
"WHAT **ROBOTNIK** ALSO DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT HIS NEPHEW **SNIVELY** HAD **OTHER PLANS**. I NOTICED HE **ALTERED** THE **NEUTRON ERADICATOR** TO AFFECT **ONLY ONE** ORGANIC PATTERN OUT OF THE MANY ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED.

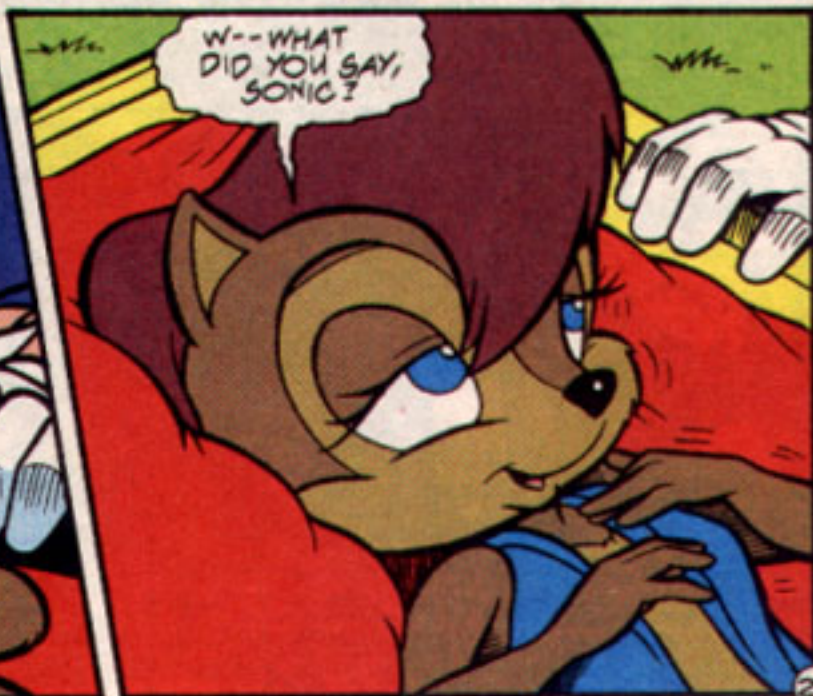
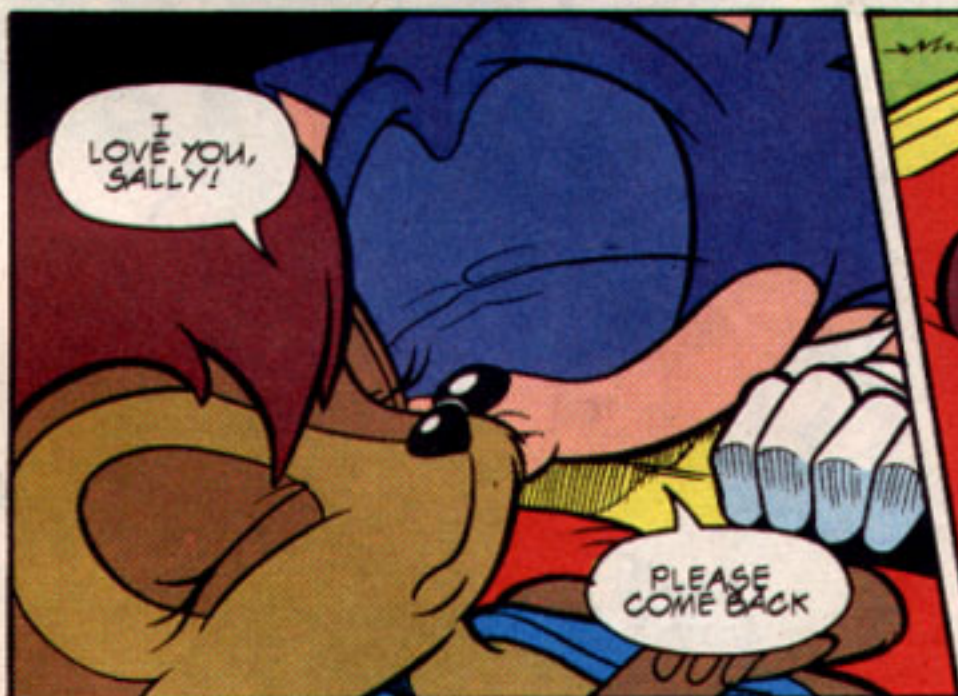
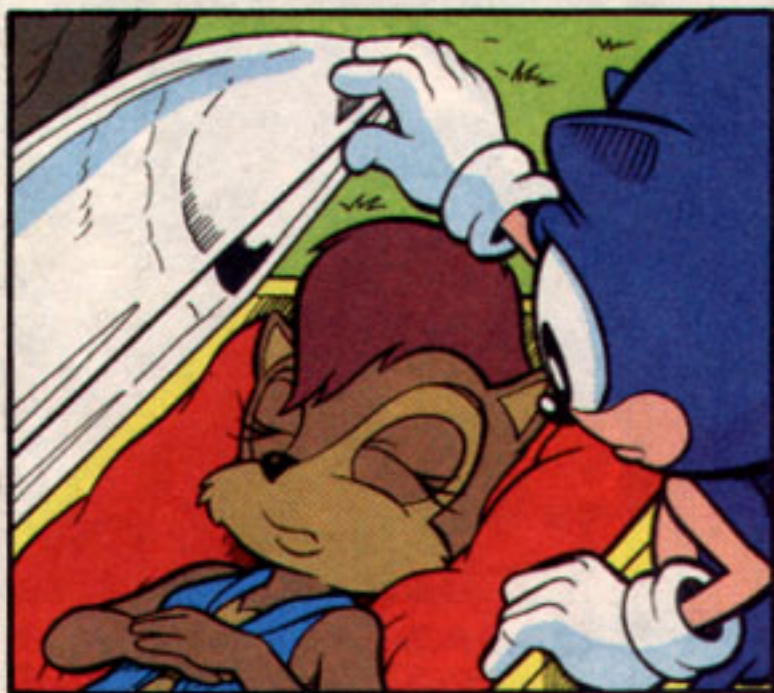
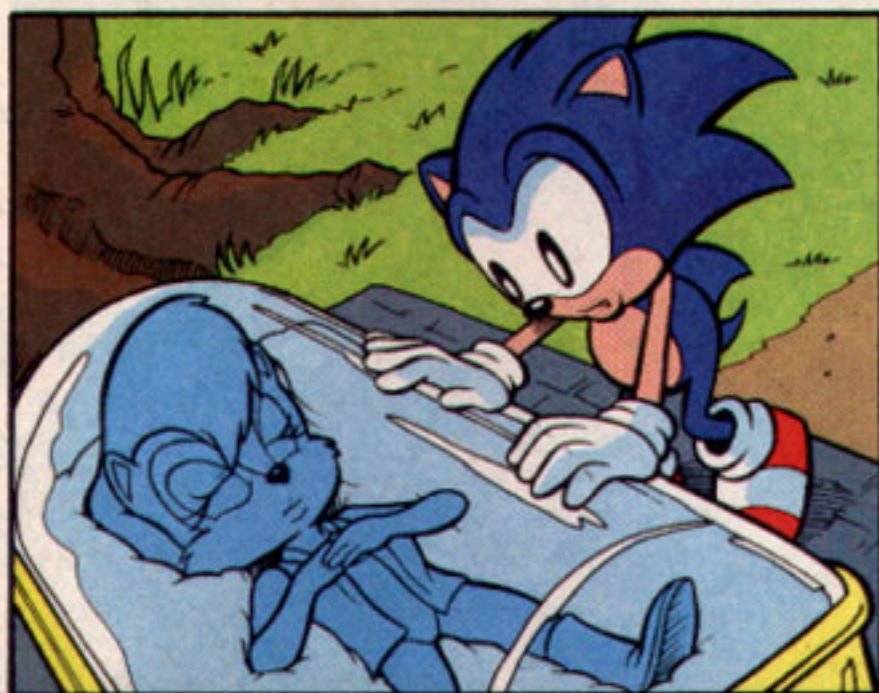


SINCE ONLY **ROBOTNIK** COULD NOW BE AFFECTED BY THE DEVICE, I KEPT **QUIET** AND PRAYED **EVENTS** WOULD TAKE THE COURSE THEY **EVENTUALLY** DID!



AND **SALLY?**





I SAID--

I'M JUST
HAPPY TO SEE
YOU AGAIN!

AND SO, IT WASN'T LONG
BEFORE ORDER WAS RESTORED...

DOCTOR QUACK WAS EXONERATED
DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES,
AND RESUMED LOOKING AFTER HIS
PATIENT, KING ACORN.

HERSHEY WAS FOR-
GIVEN FOR BEING
DRAGO'S DUPE,
SHE'S NOW A MODEL
CITIZEN.

MRS. QUACK AND THE
CHILDREN ARE DOING
FINE, THANK YOU.

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WELCOMED BACK
THEIR FRIEND SONIC WITH WIDE OPEN ARMS
AND BEGAN PLANNING A BIG CELEBRATION

GEOFFREY ST. JOHN WAS
REINSTATED AS COMMANDER
OF HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET
SERVICE. HE AWAITS HIS
NEXT MISSION.

DRAGO WAS SENTENCED TO THE
DEVIL'S GHLAG. SOMETHING
ABOUT A COLD DAY IN A WARM
PLACE WAS MENTIONED AS TO
HOW LONG HIS SENTENCE
WOULD RUN.

AS FOR SNIVELY--
WELL, THAT'S ANOTHER
STORY FOR ANOTHER
DAY!

WELCOME ONE AND ALL TO OUR TOTALLY AWESOME FIFTIETH ISSUE CELEBRATION!

Sonic The Hedgehog has been running for twenty-five issues since his last celebration (and he thought the first twenty-five were tough) and here we are looking to see Sonic run fifty more. I think he's hedgehog enough to do it! Don't you?

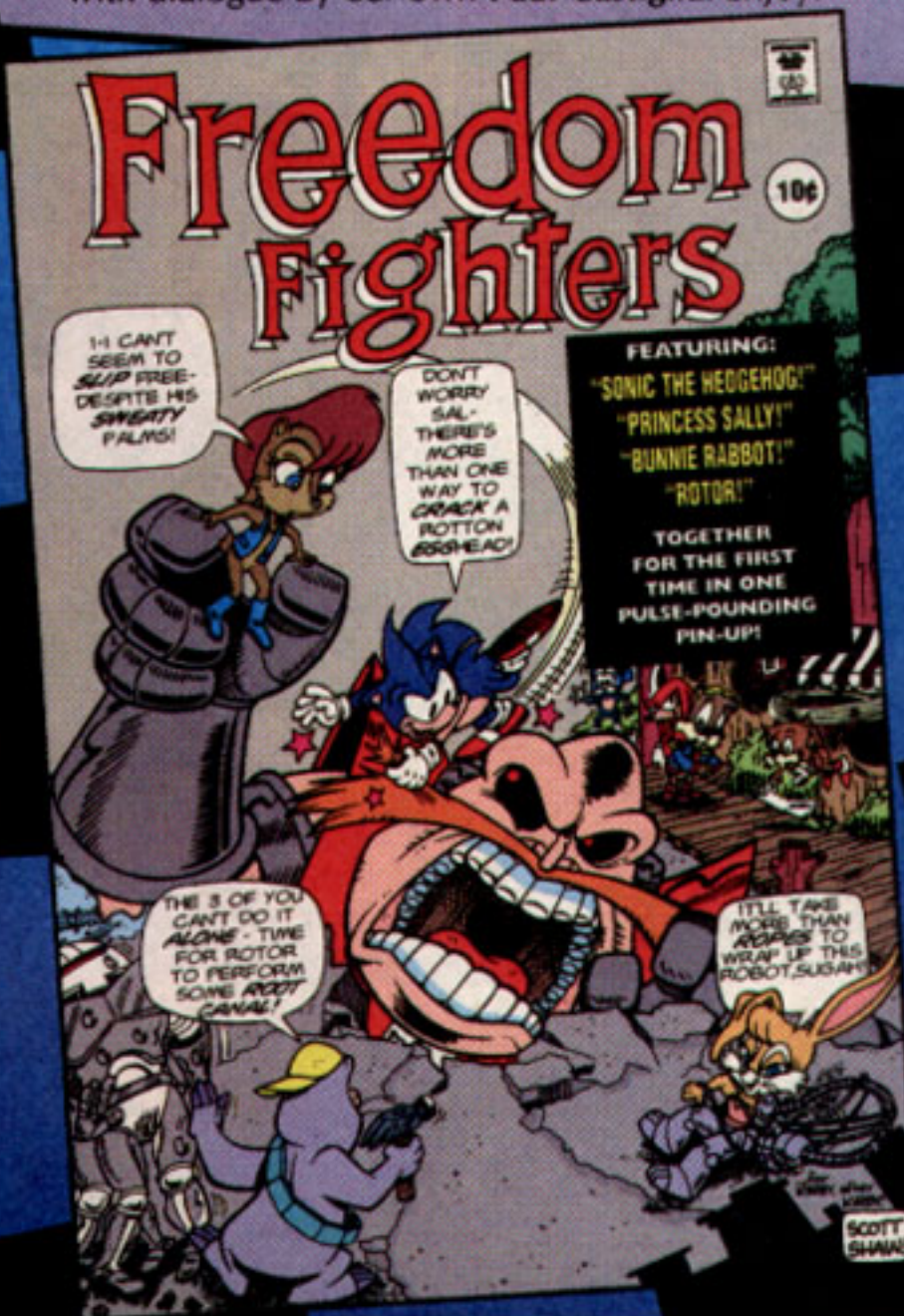
Guiding the adventures of our favorite blue hedgehog has been as exciting as a runaway roller coaster ride!!! Hopefully, it's been just as much fun for you to read it as it was for us to create it. Speaking of which, I'd like to thank all the Sonic writers and artists who have participated in creating the last fifty issues. I'd also like to thank our contacts Susan Suarez and Cynthia Wilkes at Sega of America and Helen Ball at Strategy Licensing. Special thanks goes to our intern Alaina Guglielmo for all her help.

Sonic and all The Freedom Fighters would like to dedicate this issue to **you** and **all of Sonic fandom** for your support! None of this could have been done without it!

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